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Evolution: a gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually more complex and better form. When most people think of evolution, monkeys and Charles Darwin come to mind. Evolution, however, goes beyond what we learn in biology class.

We have experienced much transformation as a school over the past four years. Since it was founded in 1857,the school has witnessed many dramatic advances. From pens and paper, to having several desktop computers in the school, to each student having their own netbook, the evolution of U-High is apparent.

As editors, we felt that the theme for this year's yearbook should reflect the ever-evolving face of U-High. As you flip through these pages, may you be reminded of the places you've been and the changes we've experienced together.



AUTUMN...

Outside, fall temperatures cooled gradually, but inside the walls of U-High the changes were much more rapid.

Keeping pace with society's evolution of technology, U-High embraced the Netbook Initiative. U-High also welcomed a new assistant principal, Andrea Markert, to lead the way and she was careful not to let students fall behind.

Students also braved the new year without an auditorium as renovations in Stroud continue. The start of the new school year marked the return of several traditional activities.

The pioneer football team won the homecoming game for the first time since 2007, the volleyball team went undefeated in conference for the fourth year in a row, and both girls and boys cross country made a strong showing at State.

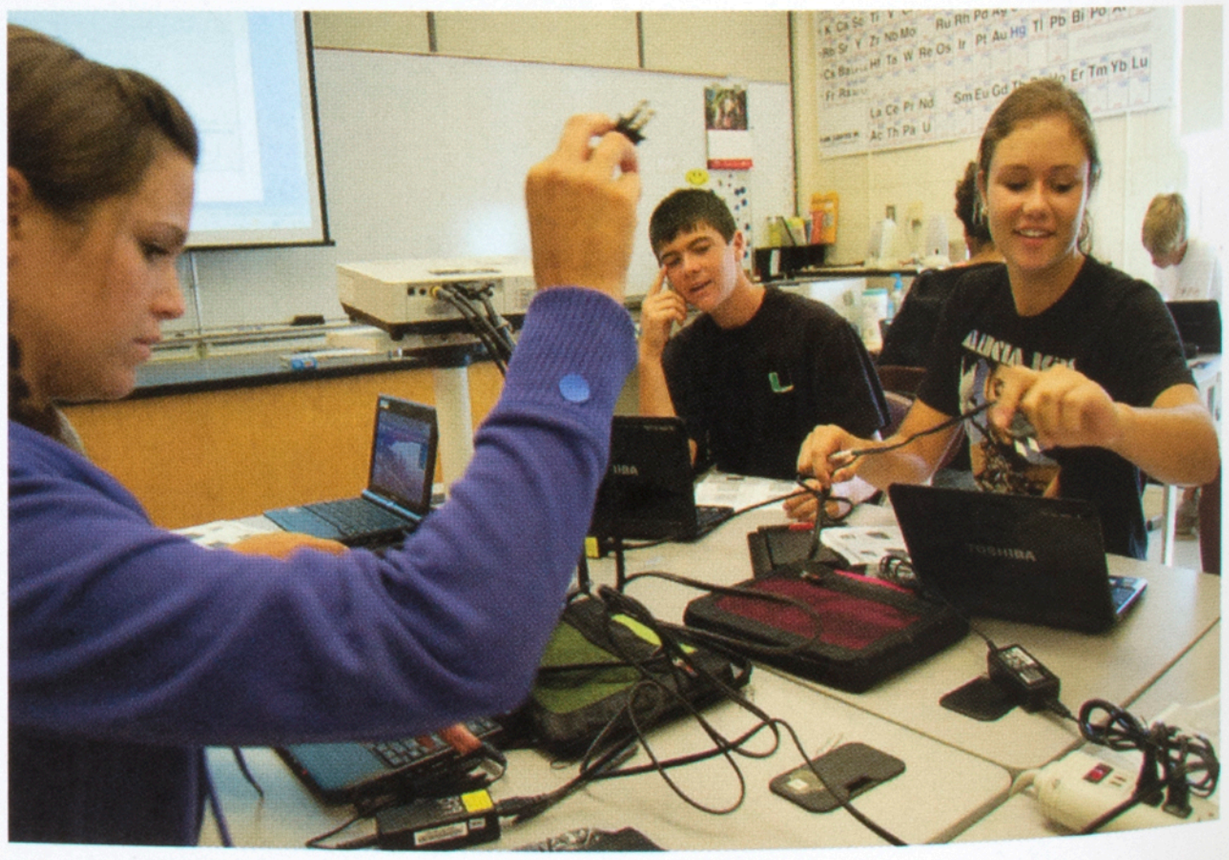
Clockwise: Students get aquainted with their netbooks in the second step of orientation as sophomores Dayna Wilson and Riley Dale learn about the possible applications of their netbooks. Seniors Aaron Tuttle, Melanie Goebel, Tegan Hunter, and George Seelinger work on their netbooks in the library. Junior Taylor Widdel and sophomores Morgan Clugston and Adam Baracani get their new netbooks at netbook orientation. Juniors Hannah Hotzel and Parker Ives test the sound at netbook orientation. Sophomore Grant Guttschow mans the help desk in the library as he helps fellow sophomores Kahlie Kilcher and Tyler Shaw.



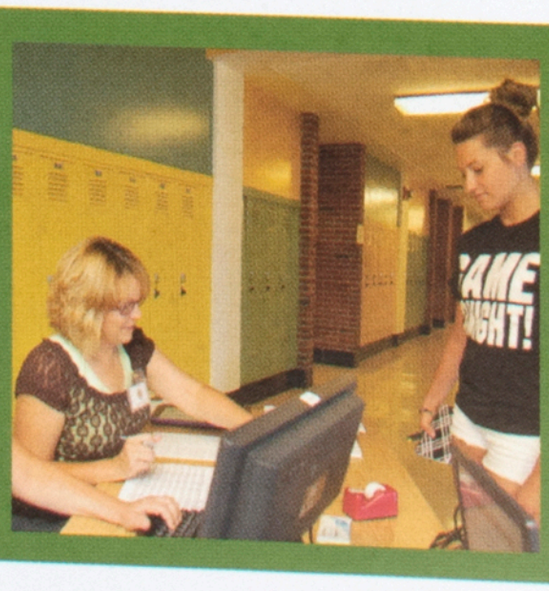




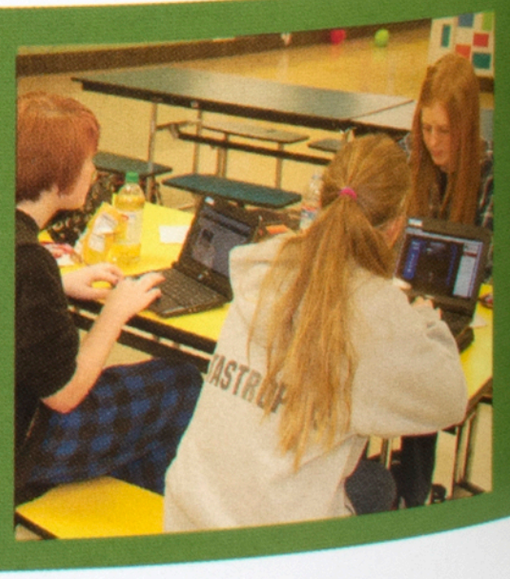








Left to Right: Sophomore Tessa Eckley powers up her new computer at netbook orientation. Sophomore Jade Mortimer signs in at netbook orientation. Junior Katherine Hepler and Sophomores Sabrina Miller and Caroline Ray utilize their netbooks in the lounge.



Netbook Initiative

" The idea was to increase efficiency and encourage better organizational skills to prepare for the future," said Principal Hill.

Each day, U-High students trust the bulk of their schoolwork to less than eighty square inches of technology: a netbook.

Students were each given their own netbook to start the 2010-2011 school year as part of a technology initiative being conducted at U-High.

Principal Hill said his goal for creating the initiative was to help students easily manage their school work.

"The idea was to increase efficiency and encourage better organizational skills to prepare for the future," Dr. Hill said.

The netbooks have been integrated into nearly all the classroom environments. From the tech classes to foreign languages, students have been powering up and plugging in at the start of each hour.

Programs on the netbooks aid classes in many different ways. Teachers have discovered interesting ways to utilize the same program to serve several different needs. Many students use OneNote simply to take notes, however, other uses have been found for this program.

Freshman history teacher Kate Pole said, "I use OneNote in class to show maps on the board allowing me to interactively write on it while teaching."

Pole said there are some positive and negative uses of the netbooks in class.

"Although netbooks are great organizational tools and a paper-free way to conduct class, being off-task still poses a huge interference to learning in the classroom," Pole said.

Students each have their own view of netbooks seeing as they experience the pros and cons of them daily. Junior Caitlin Darnall didn't share Pole's concern about being on task in class.

Darnall said, "I think a certain sense of ownership is keeping students on task in class, as opposed to last year when the computers weren't really ours."

Students are also finding netbooks to be helpful at home.

Junior Rachel Berg said having a netbook keeps all of her notes and work together in one place.

"My netbook really helps to keep me organized. Oh, and his name is Tony," Berg said.

Senior Taihla Eddins said her netbook is very useful, especially in her AP Spanish class.

"AP Spanish has a lot of out-of-class work, much of which requires a computer," Eddins said. "Having a netbook makes it easy to complete all of the assignments, Blackboard quizzes, and listening exercises whenever I need to. I have a busy schedule, and the computer helps me to finish everything on my own time."

This new initiative has been filled with a number of technological glitches and errors but Instructional Technology Coordinator, Jim Kurz, and the students at the help desk have been busy at work to remedy these problems.

"The students at the help desk have played a huge role in the success of this initiative," Kurz said. "I couldn't handle all the day to day problems that arise with this many computers, nor do I have the time to try."

By Jess Michels





Left to Right: Foreign language teacher Jim Potter kicks off the netbook orientation. Juniors Kyle Morris and Jared Hendren along with Sophomores Nolan Harris and Tori Doubet hang out in the lounge with their netbooks. Photos by Samantha Walker and Jess Michels

Experimenting With a New Class

Fourteen students of U-High's open enrollment AP biology class are taught by teacher Mike Troll.

He said he is pleased with the way things are going with his AP class but because this is their first year the class is being taught, there are some things to get used to.

"The students of U-High are on a road to success by attending this laboratory school connected to Illinois State University. This year, we have widened that road by adding another class to U-High's repertoire, an AP course in biology," said Troll.

This course takes a deeper look into the world of evolution, cells, meiosis, mitosis and many other topics. This fast-paced class keeps students on their toes with in-class lessons and Wednesday night labs.

"Overall, I am pleased with the way things are going this first year. For the most part, things are going as planned, the hardest thing is getting used to the pace of the class and material amount," said Troll.

Troll isn't the only one who is pleased with the class. Senior Morgan Sondgeroth said she enjoys this challenging class.

"We take things previously learned and go deeper into why something happens. The whole class finds it challenging, which really says something because the class as a whole is really smart," said Sondgeroth.

Senior Hannah Griffin said she enjoys the class and especially likes the Wednesday night labs.

"Labs on Wednesday nights are actually fun. We do our work and get it done and then we can leave. We're allowed to have fun while we work and make it enjoyable. We actually look forward to coming on Wednesday instead of dreading it," said Griffin.

Junior Caila Brander said that she too enjoys the labs, but she also feels that the class could use a bit more organization.

"Next year I would add more organization. Sometimes it's hard to know exactly what we're doing, but I think that next year's class will go more smoothly because there will have been a class that has already done it," said Brander.

U-High alumni Candice Cuppini, who took two science credits her senior year, said she wishes that U-High had an AP biology course when she attended U-High.

"I wish we had AP biology when I was there. I definitely would have taken it. It really would have been nice to have gotten AP credit and not had to take it in college this year," said Cuppini.

Not only does this course allow students to prepare for the AP exam for college credit, but it will also prepare them for their careers that students are already working towards, like Brander.

"I want to be a doctor, and AP Biology is putting me ahead of the game in terms of my science background," said Brander.

"I feel like I'll be more prepared for harder classes in college. Plus I really like the things we study. It's probably my favorite class because I learn so much about a subject I really love," she added.

By Kelly Berryman



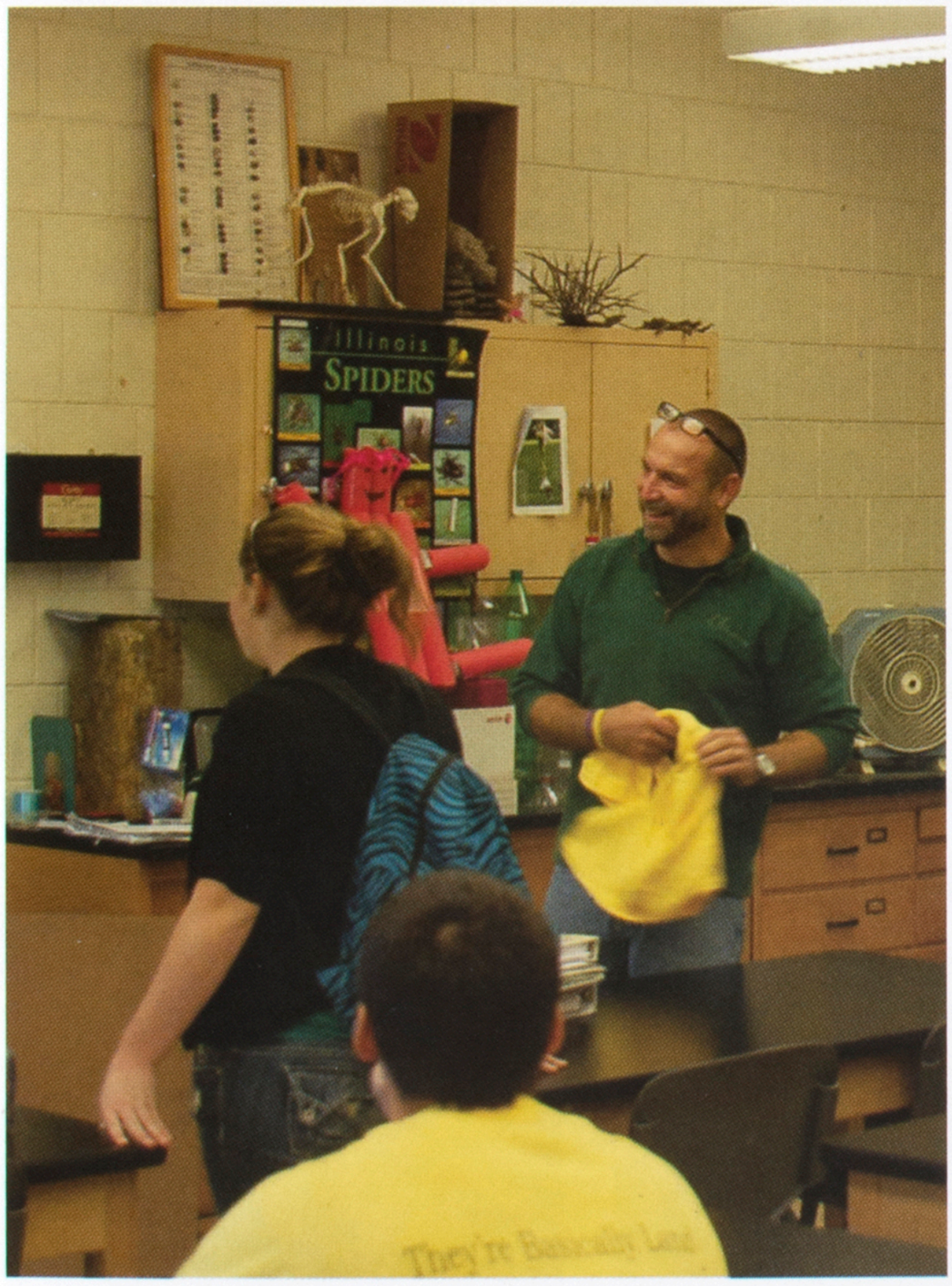






Clockwise: The AP Bio class surpirses their teacher Mike Troll with their class t-shirts. Seniors Tegan Hunter and Katie Newport along with Juinors Zack Taylor and Caila Brander plan a project for AP Bio. Ap Bio students conduct a class discussion. The AP Bio class shows off their self-designed t-shirts.







Clockwise: AP Bio Teacher Mike Troll is always having a good time in class. Seniors Morgan Sondgeroth and Hannah Griffin build a model of an operon. Seniors CJ Hamilton and Tim Hatch as well as Deanna Olson discuss the the implications and applications of their operon. Photos by Kelly Berryman.

"I love coming to the AP Bio labs," junior Zack Taylor said. "They give me a chance to spark my creativity and explore my scientific knowledge through experiments."

Guilty Of A Great Show

"We find the defendant guilty," said a member of the jury, condemning the suspect Karen Andre to prison for the murder of Bjorn Faulkner, her lover. Whispers are heard from the audience. The defense attorney stands up and angrily demands repeal as he dashes out of the courtroom along with a few others.

A few moments later, the audience erupts in applause. So went the closing moments of this year's Fall Play: "Night of January 16," written by Ayn Rand. The play was held in the McLean County Museum of History's old courtroom.

The story portrays the court case following the mysterious death of Bjorn Faulkner, a notable social figure.

Audience members sat in the gallery. The judge, played by senior Emma Blyth, sat in the judge's bench. The jury, represented by twelve members of the audience, sat in the jury box. Various witnesses were called to the stand, sworn in, and questioned just as if they were in a real proceeding. After questioning, the witnesses sat in the gallery to watch with the audience, interjecting at various moments.

The main suspect was Karen Andre, played by senior Whitney Pledger.

As the story progressed, ten witnesses, including a police officer, two of Bjorn's secretaries, and a mob boss named "Guts" Regan, played by Junior Zack Taylor, came to the stand and gave their explanations about what happened. The testimonies led to twists and contradiction.

In the end, the jury, chosen from the audience, decided whether Karen Andre was guilty or innocent based on the information they received from the witnesses' testimony.

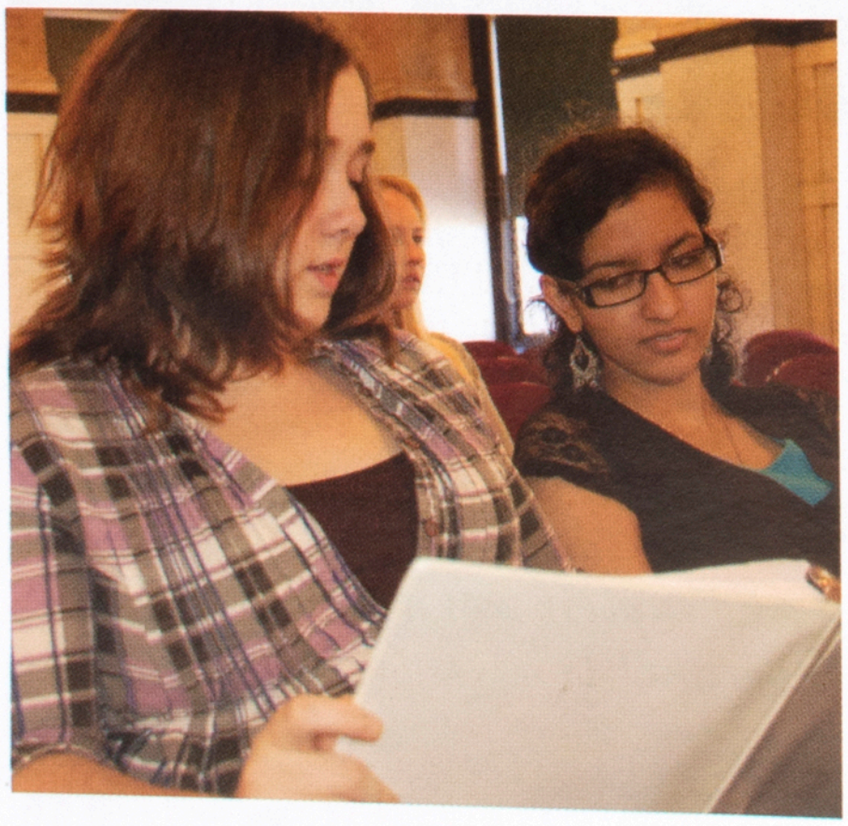
One of the more interesting aspects of this production was the venue. Due to Stroud's ongoing renovation, Thespian director Susan Thetard and the theater students were forced to look elsewhere for a stage.

Junior Garret Medlock said he enjoyed the change of venue.

"We adjusted to the new location really well," Medlock said. "I didn't have to face the audience very much, so I felt more comfortable."

By Preston Harris











Clockwise: Katie Newport and Elora Karim give lines to the cast during rehearsal. Anna Weis testifies as Magda Svenson while Paige Thomas takes notes as the clerk. The entire cast of the *Night of January 16th.* Adam Przybylski as Johnn Whitfield defends his testimony. Garrett Medlock as the District Attorney gives instructions to his witness Nancy Faulkner played by Erin Smith.







Clockwise: Audrey Keen adresses the jury while testifying as Officer E. Sweeney. Karen Andre played by Whitney Pledger instructs her Defense Attorney played by John Finch. Sabrina Miller, Evan Swiech, and Zack Taylor get aquainted to their new set as they wait to rehearse. Photos by Jess Michels.

"I think the show went very well. We handled the unique venue quite well," said sophomore Audrey Keen.

A Strong Team on and off the Court

Building on four straight years of being undefeated in their conference, U-High's Lady Pioneers carry on the tradition with an impressive winning streak of 56 games.

Junior Jess Michels said she couldn't have asked for a better volleyball program to be in.

"It's great to be a part of such a successful volleyball program, I hope we can continue the winning streak next year," said Michels.

Besides having a great season, the lady Pioneers also contributed to the community by participating in two types of community service.They went to the Home Sweet Home Mission, and helped organize books, games, and puzzles. They also sold pink t-shirts to wear at their Volley for the Cure game to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

Sophomore Morgan Fry said this community service helps the team in various ways.

"Doing this community service helps us grow as a team by making us work and communicate together," said Fry.

Even with the impressive season the volleyball girls had, they had a rocky road along the way. With the new year, new coaches, and new gym, they had a lot to adjust to. Senior Jenny Darrow said getting used to everything took a little longer than planned.

"It was weird adjusting to the new coaches and their practice style, but they are striving for a better program and it will keep getting better in the future," said Darrow.

Sadly, next year's team will not include the six outstanding seniors who will be graduating this year.

"Anytime you lose six seniors from a team there are going to be holes to fill, but this gives the underclassmen a chance to earn playing time and starting spots. This senior class has been very successful and have set a high standard for teams in the future." saidAthletic Director Wendy Smith

By Ellie Sloneker







Clockwise: Kelly Berryman, Courtney Schwingle, and Head Coach Karen Valouche huddle during a time out. Marissa Diekhoff and Logan Walling running through a fan tunnel after the Volley for the Cure game.Varsity volleyball team waits to run out onto court to warm up.

"I'm super excited to see where volleyball takes me, it should be really cool to play at the next level," said Kelly Berryman.

"I am excited about continuing my volleyball career at Purdue, I'm sure it will be better than I ever imagined," said Valerie Nichol.





Clockwise: Girls give back at the Home Sweet Home Mission. Senior Kelly Berryman gets ready to sign her letter of intent for Presbyterian College in South Carolina. Logan Walling, Jade Mortimer, Jess Michels, and Valerie Nichol huddle during a time out. The volleyball team continues to give back at the Home Sweet Home Mission





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8/31/10	Bloomington	W
9/2/10	Hartem	W
9/7/10	Prairie Central	W
9/9/10	Pontiac	W
9/10/10	Crossroads Tournament	9th
9/14/10	Rantoul	W
9/16/10	Olympia	W
9/21/10	Mahomet-Seymour	W
9/23/10	Eureka	W
9/25/10	Intercity Tournament	2nd
9/30/10	Prairie Central	W
10/1-2/10	Belleville East Metro Tournament	7th
10/5/10	Pontiac	W
10/7/10	Rantoul	W
10/12/10	Olympia	W
10/14/10	Mahomet-Seymour	W
10/10/15-16/10	Minooka Tournament	3rd
10/19/10	Eureka	W
10/21/10	Central Catholic	W
10/28/10	Lincoln (Regionals)	W
10/30/10	Bloomington (Regionals)	L





Clockwise: Senior Valerie Nichol jump serves during the first home game. The team huddles before their first home game of the season. Photos by Samantha Walker and Ellie Sloneker

"I think it is good for us to get involved in the community," said Lohr.

Markert Named New Assistant Principal

U-High's new assistant principal Andrea Markert brought 10 years of experience to the position. As a biology teacher, Markert had a close relationship with her students. As an assistant principal there are a lot more students to help so the dynamic of that relationship has changed.

"When I was a teacher, I had a much closer relationship with the students. It is a different type of relationship that I have now as an assistant principal," Markert said.

Junior Jess Creasey thinks that Mrs. Markert is doing a very good job with her role as assistant principal.

"I think she makes a great assistant principal. She seems to be adapting very well to her new job," Creasey said.

Senior and former student of Markert's Daniela Pancrazio-Diez said that she hasn't changed a bit since her freshman year and she is still as great of an assistant principal as she was a biology teacher.

"I love that her personality hasn't changed since freshman year. She has always been upbeat and exciting. Even though she's an assistant principal, she is still fair," said Pancrazio-Diez.

Market said that she enjoys being an administrator at the high school level more than the elementary level.

"I feel like I can have more meaningful and intellectual conversations with high school students," Markert said.

Markert said that her administrative role at Metcalf helped prepare her for her new role as assistant principal.

"I think my experience at Metcalf has made me realize how important it is for the entire faculty to be a team and to help each other out," Markert said.

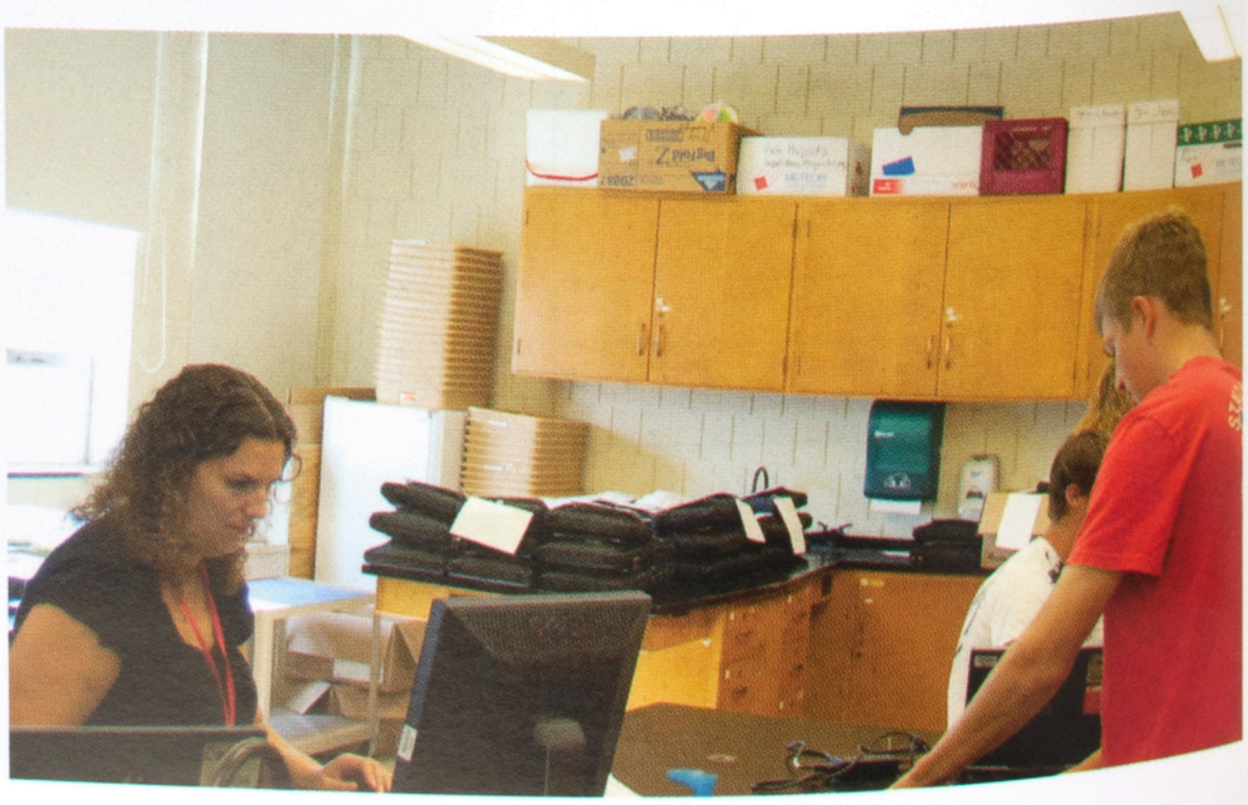
When asked if there are any changes she would like to see here at U-High, Markert said that she would like to see more student support.

"Students need more support than we give them," Markert said.

By Raelynn Hoskins







Counter-Clockwise: Assistant Principal Andrea Markert helps kick off the Netbook Initiative at netbook orientation. Markert helps out by frying burgers alongside Principal Jeff Hill at the school carnival in August. Markert speaks at the opening school assembly on the first day of school.

Photos by Samantha Walker and Ellie Sloneker







Clockwise: Markert greets parents while helping out at registration. Markert helps to organize papers at registration. New Assistant Principal Andrea Markert embraces her paparazzi for this spread as she stands at her daily post in the hallway.

"Being an administrator at Metcalf helped me to grow into what I wanted to be as an administrator," Markert said. "My previous job helped to get the common newbie mistakes out of the way."







Clockwise: Junior diver Haley Sauve finishes an approach, preparing to begin a dive at Intercity. The girls diving team warms up and stretches before competing. The U-High diving team waits by the diving board while warming up.

A Team Full of Potential

The U-High girls' swim team had quite an obstacle to face this year. The team is a young one, with no seniors to support the team, but featuring freshmen such as Brie Hines, who set the school record in the 100 yard breaststroke. They managed to have an undefeated season, beating their rival school, Peoria Notre Dame, in a heated sectional meet. They also managed to have the first U-High diver to make it to state since the 90's: junior Taylor Clayton. Clayton said that making it to state was a big experience for her.

"I was so excited when I found out I made it to state," said Clayton.

Once the girls got to state they ran into a few problems with their times but still managed to come out of the meet fighting.

Freshman Brie Hines added three seconds to her time which happened to be the school record. Regardless, it was still a good experience for her to interact with the team at a new level of competition.

"I didn't go a best time but the meet was still definitely worth going to," Hines said.

The obstacles from this meet are not a problem for the team since they will have all of their swimmers returning, and it was a great accomplishment for such a young team. Team Captain Allie Slingsby said that the team did a great job of staying strong throughout the meet.

"It was tough to not do as well at state as sectionals," said Slingsby. "I'm still very proud of all of our efforts and team spirit."

Coach Ryan Burroughs said it was a big year for the team since they were so young.

"Teamwork was a very important aspect this year," Burroughs said.

Teamwork is also something that team captain Alexis Prenzler found to be important to the team, and was very happy with the way the team developed team cohesion.

"The whole team worked really well together and stayed spirited and I'm proud of how they worked this season," said Prenzler.

Coach Michelle Meyer said that the team was very consistent their entire season.

"They really held a good rhythm throughout all of the meets," said Meyer.

The team more than overcame their problem of youth and will be more than ready for the season that lies ahead next year.

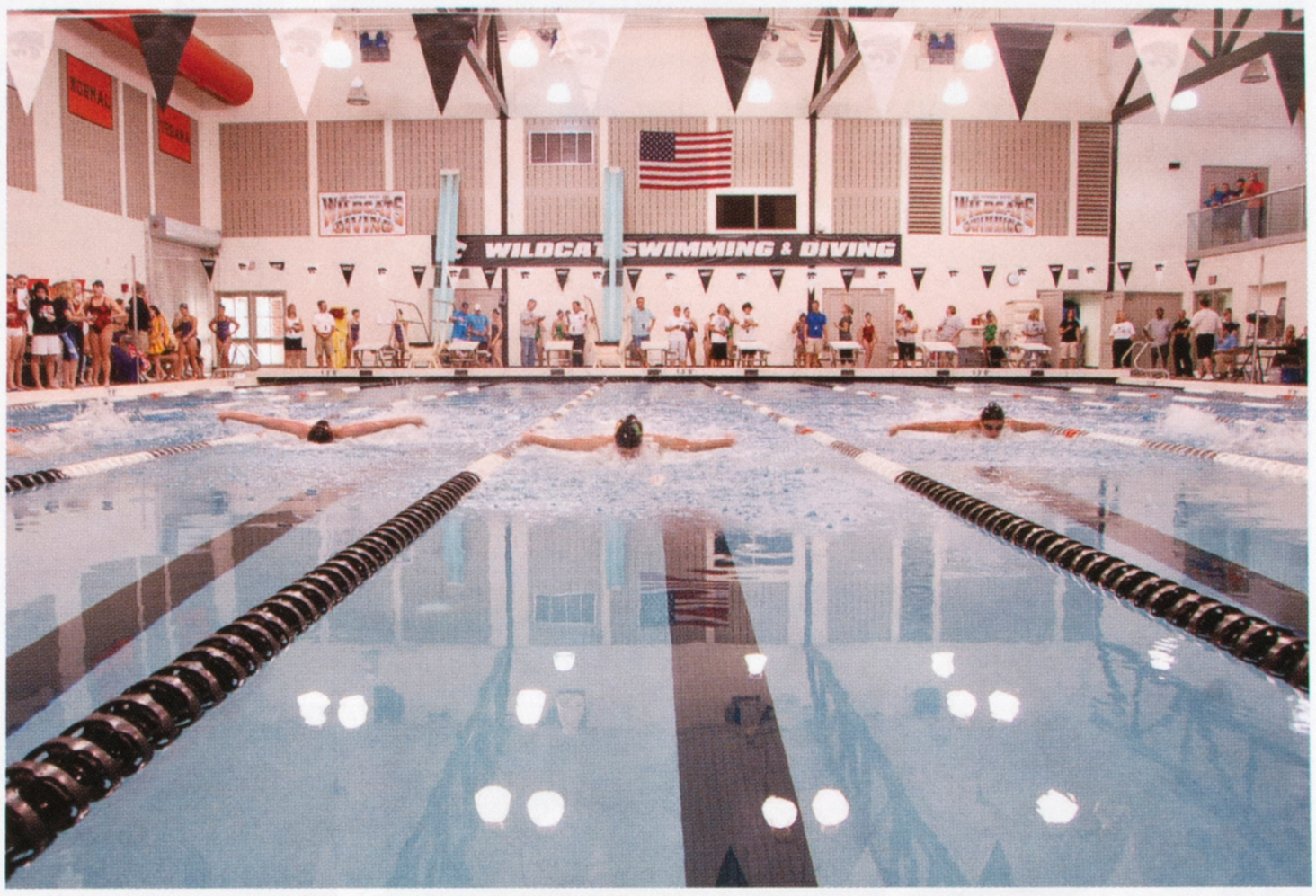
By John Williamson





Clockwise:U-High swimmer Danielle Ludwig stretches before her event. Swim coach Ryan Burrows talks to swimmer Brianna Hines about her previous race after she had finished competing at the Intercity meet. Three U-High students compete against each other and the surrounding area schools during Intercity.

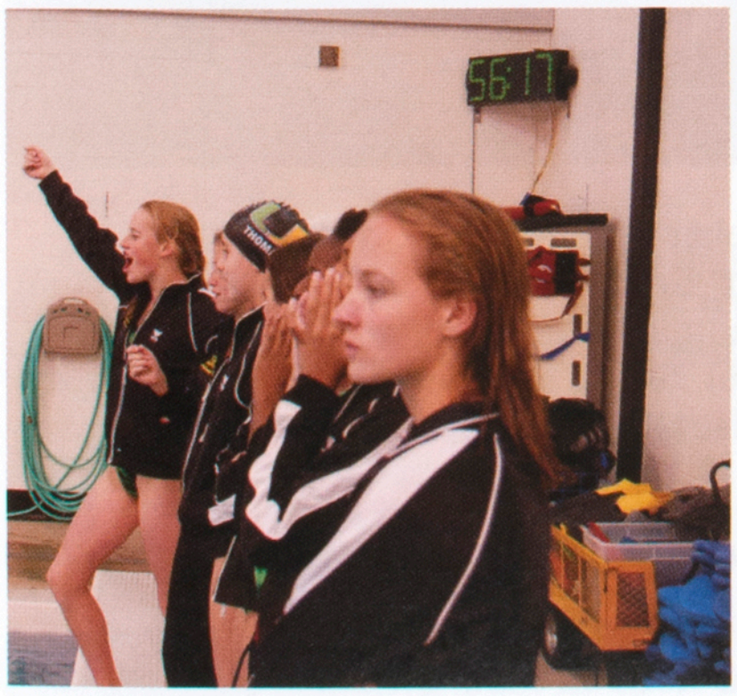
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10/12/10	Pekin	W
10/16/10	Uni High Invite	1st
10/21/10	Dunlap	W
11/6/10	U-High Invite	1st
11/13/10	Section	1st











Clockwise: Swimmers relax and dry off between events. Diver Alison Ogunmokun takes her last bounce on the diving board before performing a dive. Swimmer Marissa Thomas ties her hair before putting on a swim cap for an event. The U-High swim team watches closely and cheers on their teammates as they race. Photos by Joel Gebhardt

Deer Hunting is in Season

Countless hunters head out into the frigid woods in hopes of getting the prize game of the year during white tail deer hunting season. Many students at U-High have a deep rooted family history in hunting and spend hours upon hours every year enduring the cold to have that chance of bagging a trophy buck.

Senior Kyle Olsen has been hunting his entire life.

"It is something that I grew up around. My dad taught me how to hunt when I was ten," said Olsen. "My entire family hunts, and it means a lot to us as a family."

Senior Ellie Sloneker has grown up in a family that revolves around hunting and being outdoors.

"I have hunted since fifth grade and I have lived in the country my entire life. No one ever pushed it on me I wanted to learn," said Sloneker.

Although there are many different animals with different seasons across the state deer hunting is the most popular.

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, more hunters pursue the White-tailed deer than any other game species in the state.

Olsen has experienced the ups and downs of the season many times.

"It is something you have to be patient to do. A hunter has to have nerves of steel and be able to handle the weather if you want to shoot a big deer," said Olsen.

Sloneker had a promising start to the season this year.

"On opening day I shot a big doe," said Sloneker. "It was really exciting to be the first person from school to get a kill this year."

Olsen's season started a bit slow but patience would pay off.

"The beginning of the season was slow. My dad and brother had killed some does but none of us had had a good shot on a buck," said Olsen. "I knew I just had to be patient."

Olsen bagged a buck shortly after he had killed his first doe of the season.

"On a Sunday evening hunt, I saw an eight point Buck right before dusk and the end of legal hunting time. I took the shot and he dropped about forty yards from my stand," said Olsen. "I was excited to have downed a decent sized buck and couldn't wait to get him home to show the rest of my family."

By Trevor Dennewitz







Clockwise: Ellie Sloneker getting ready to shoot. Evan Sloneker and his father, Erik Sloneker, show off the six point buck he shot during shotgun season. Kyle Olsen with the eight point buck he shot during bow season. Photos courtesy of the Sloneker and Olsen Families

"It was my first deer ever and it only ran 10 feet. It was awesome," said Evan Sloneker.

Clockwise: Senior Claire Brownstone jumps her horse. Senior Daniela Pancrazio-Diez works with her horse, Magix. Senior Danie Reece rides her horse, Cody.







Horsing Around

Some U-High students decided to branch out of typical extracurricular activities and try something a little different; for some the exciting path of equestrian was a good option.

Senior Daniela Pancrazio-Diez said that she decided to try horseback riding because she wanted to do something fun.

"I started riding horses about 10 years ago," said Pancrazio-Diez.

There are numerous events that one can participate in. Some examples are Parelli Natural Horsemanship, stadium jumping, dressage, and local shows such as the county fair.

Parelli Natural Horsemanship is a method for training horses which emphasizes trust and building a strong bond between the rider and the horse.

Senior Danie Reece said that she enjoys lots of different events with her horse, but her favorite thing to do is work with him on Parelli Natural Horsemanship.

"I really love competing with my horse Cody, but my favorite thing is to play the Parelli games with him and work on building trust in each other," said Reece.

Pancrazio-Diez said that building trust with her horse takes a lot of time and effort, which has been tough because she has been sick recently.

"I try to go out to the barn a couple times a week, but it's been hard since I recently injured my ankle and have been sick," said Pancrazio-Diez.

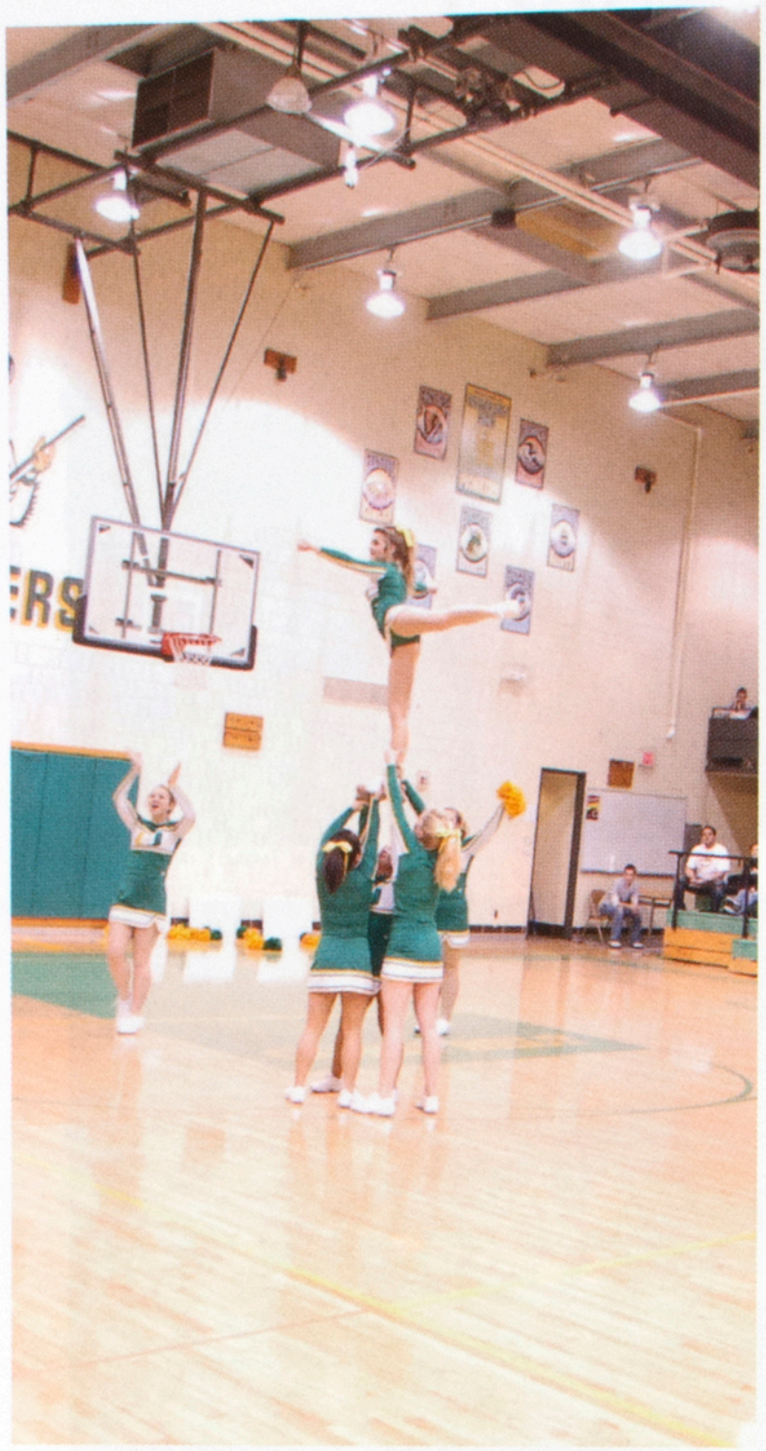
Senior Ellie Sloneker said that she grew up around horses.

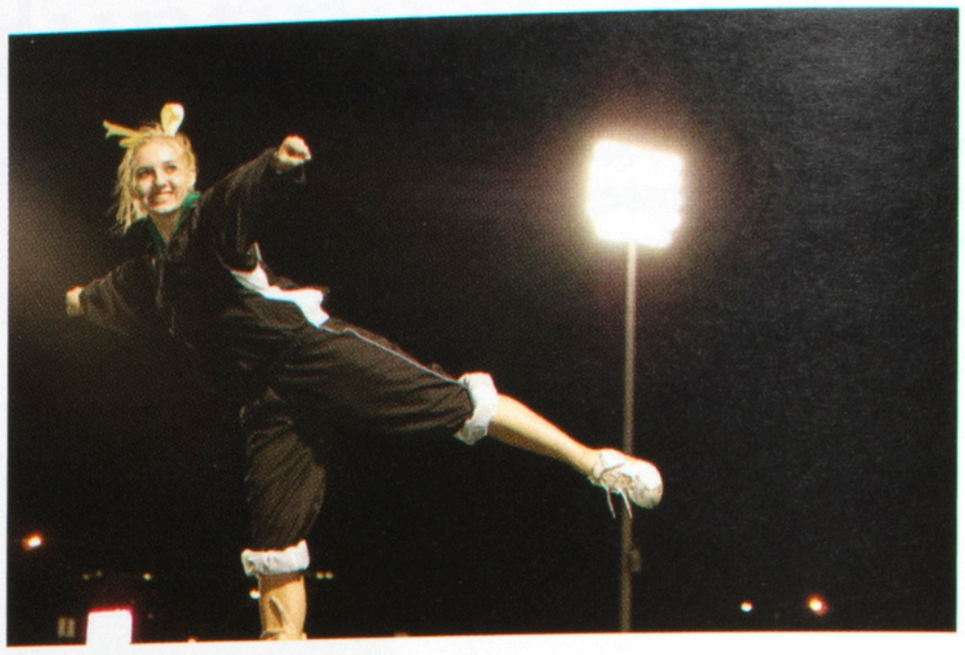
"I've been around horses my whole life but my grandma taught me how to ride when I was 6 years old," said Sloneker. "Then I started taking lessons and I've been doing it ever since."

Reece said that horseback riding can be a frustrating activity, but it is always a great way to escape the stresses of high school.

"Cody can be a pain in the butt sometimes. He doesn't always do exactly what I want him to do, but no matter how frustrating a certain ride may be it is always a rewarding experience," Reece said. "Every time I ride I can forget about everything else going on and can just focus on riding."

By Jordan Kilhoffer











Clockwise: Sophomore Kahlie Kilcher cheering during a football game. Part of the cheer team gets the crowds excited during a football game. Cheerleaders performing a stunt during a basketball game. Sophomore Emma Blickensderfer talking to her coach, Adriene Umecker, during a bake sale. Sophomore Nathalie Kieswetter at the top of the cheer squad.

Photos by Jess Michels

A Pyramid of Strength

The U-High cheerleading team knew where they wanted to be from the beginning of the 2010-2011 season.

"As a team our goal was to do better than last year, and maybe top ten at IHSA state," three year head coach Drew Miller said.

To help with that goal, the team had the advantage of being close to their teammates and the squad also had a strong freshman class to help with their success.

The squad conducted numerous team bonding activities and fundraisers such as the cheerleader car washes. They also attended a summer cheerleading clinic.

Senior Elizabeth Lindenmeier said she noticed how close the team was this year.

"Overall, we've worked very hard this season and our team has truly grown closer together because of that work. We support each other and encourage each other to be better," Lindenmeier said.

In the regular season, the team claimed numerous first place finishes at competitions in Colfax, Rockford, Ridgeview, and at the Challenge at the Coliseum, but more importantly qualified for the IHSA and ICCA state competitions.

After the regular season, the team only had a few weeks to prepare for the IHSA state competition.

"We knew coming into it that we were going to do very well and we had confidence," junior Hannah Hotzel said.

Before long, it was time to perform at the IHSA state tournament at the US Cellular Coliseum in front of thousands of spectators. The cheerleaders took the floor and heard the long awaited announcement: "Performing next is University High School from Normal, Illinois. University High the floor is now yours." The music began and the cheerleaders performed their state routine.

The routine earned the score of 83.04 which gave them a 14th place finish, barely missing their goal of making the top ten.

Disappointed from falling short, the cheerleading team held their heads high knowing they still had the ICCA competition in just a few short days.

Senior Morgan Sondgeroth said the team performed the best they had all season at their final competition of the year and earned an astounding third place team trophy.

"At ICCA we placed third in the state and our team could not have been more proud," junior Faith Phares said.

By Christian Grobe

Dance Team Competes Successfully

The U-High dance team experienced a year of changes that went beyond rehearsing original routines.

The first addition to the dance team this year was their recently acquired assistant coach, Jeremy Thornwell. The team had a positive reaction to the new coach.

"Assistant Coach Jeremy was a great addition to our squad this year. He added charisma and excitement to the team," sophomore Nathalie Kiesewetter said.

The dance team also took a training trip to the Kalahari, a resort in the Wisconsin Dells for the UDA dance camp where they learned different dance techniques and styles. The trip was also a good chance for team bonding.

"The camp in Wisconsin Dells was a good experience and brought the team together," junior Allison Frey said.

For the first time the team separated into two by having a halftime dance team and also a squad that would compete in competitions.

Having so many fresh additions, the dance team still had to keep in mind that their competition would be arriving sooner than they thought.

"We worked hard and I knew we had great routines with a great team to perform them," senior dance team captain Elizabeth Lindenmeier said.

After numerous practices and rehearsals for their dance it was time for their performance of the year. All the hard work they put in paid off as the team had a tremendous showing at the Mahomet-Seymour competition finishing in fifth place, ahead of several schools three times the size of U-High.

"We are a smaller team and an even smaller competition team, so to go out there with really seriously committed teams and being able to place is amazing," senior Taihla Eddins said.

Frey also commented on how well the team performed.

"I was proud of the team for pulling it together and improving a lot from last year," Frey said.

By Christian Grobe

"We always found something to laugh about no matter what obstacles we faced. There was never any tension between us, and I think we all had a good time," Gerongay said.



Dance Team members give their all during a halftime performance at a football game.



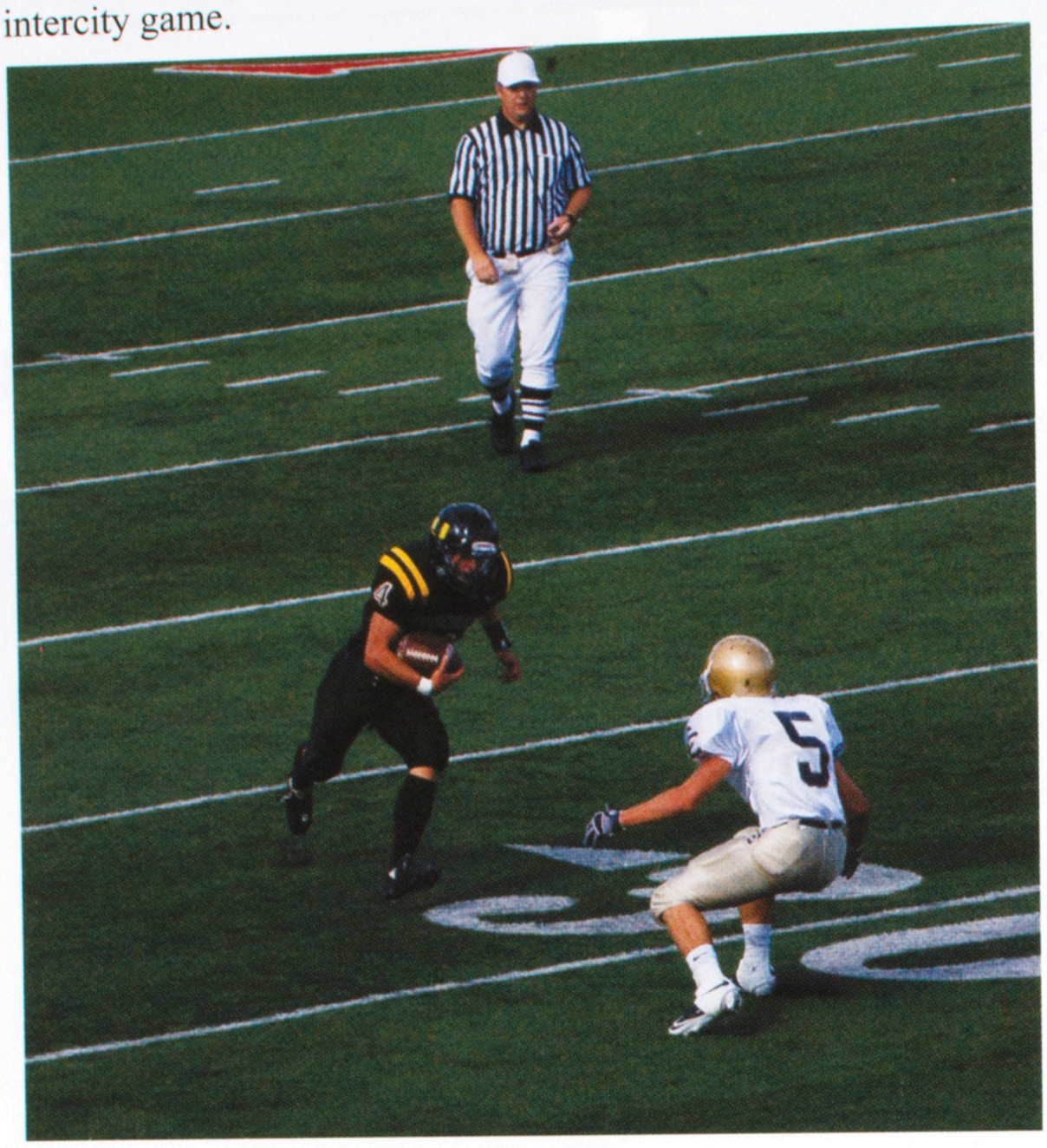






Clockwise: The Girls' dance team during a halftime routine. The U-High Dance team performing their choreography during a basketball game. The team utilizing the spin move. The dancers perform during a football game. Photos by Jess Michels

Clockwise: The U-Crew shows off their school spirit. Junior Jordan Stralow pursues the ball during the Intercity game. Junior James Solberg goes head to head with a defender during the intercity game.







More Than Just a Game

After a season of highs and lows Pioneer football came out of their last game against Peoria Notre Dame(2-7) 28-21 to end the season with a record of 4-5.

"It felt good to go out on a win and end the season on a high note" said senior linebacker Drew Potter.

"I'm glad I ended my career with a home game and played in front of the home crowd for one final time. I played my best to make it one of the best games of my career." said senior wide receiver Nic Flach.

Coming into the game the Pioneers were 3-5 and had lost their chances at making it to playoffs. The season was filled with highs and lows such as coming up short to Central Catholic at Intercity, but winning the Homecoming Game against Rantoul for the first time since 2007. The Senior Night game, however, will be something that this year seniors will never forget.

"It's always something you remember" said senior offensive lineman Trevor Dennewitz. "I feel like I played the best game of my life."

There were mixed emotions after the game ended. Senior linebacker Zach Burlingame described it as "bittersweet," knowing that he played his last game of high school football. The 10 seniors on the team had strapped up for the last time that night.

"I left everything out on the field," said senior offensive lineman Nick Ensenberger.

This year's team was very close and spent a lot of time together such as spaghetti dinners and shake nights.

"Being around the coaches and other teams made me learn a lot more about responsibilities and life lessons, not only about football" said senior running back Kyle Olsen.

"I made lifelong friendships and learned leadership skills that will help me in the long run" said Ensenberger about the team.

The seniors also have a message to the younger members of the team and to those aspiring to play high school football in the future. The message: Never give up.

"Give full effort all the time no matter if you're winning or losing," Olsen said. "It goes by way faster than you think."

By Alex Parlette and Jace Mortimer

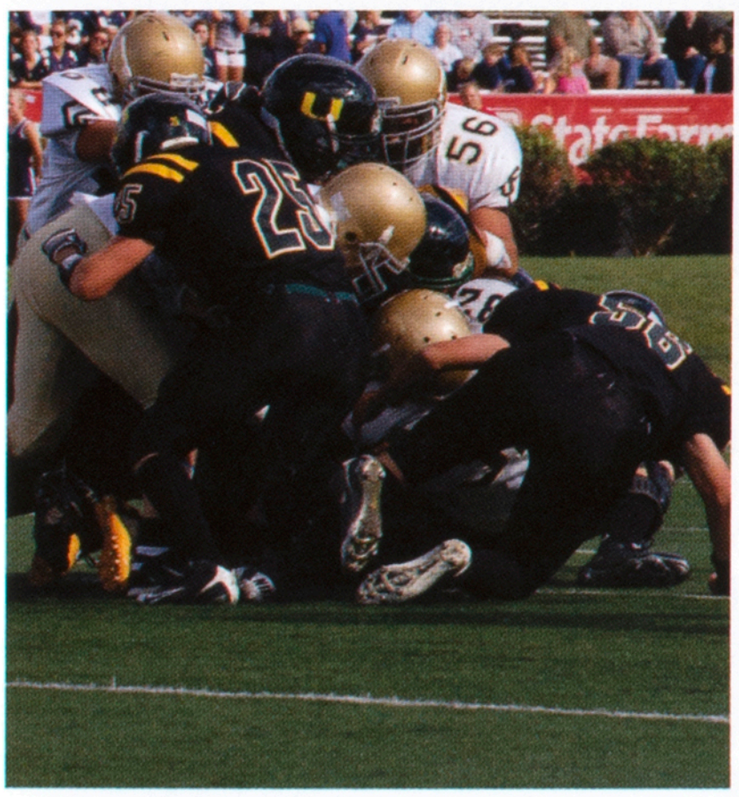




Clockwise: Senior Zach Burlingame walks out with his parents on Senior night. U-High offensive line continues a scoring drive.Senior Tyler Scott breaks the team out in the final huddle of the season after the U-High Senior night victory.

Date	Team	Results
8/27/10	Morton	L
9/3/10	Central Catholic	L
9/10/10	Olympia	W
9/17/10	Prairie Central	L
9/24/10	Eureka/Roanoke-Benson	W
10/1/10	Pontiac	L
10/8/10	Rantoul	W
10/15/10	Mahomet-Seymour	L
10/22/10	Peoria Notre Dame	W











Clockwise: The U-High defense tries to hold their ground during Intercity. Senior Drew Potter gets helped off the field by a U-High coach and Sophomore EJ Newble after being injured. Junior Brandon Timm and Sophomore Jeffery Larsen tackle Central Catholic running back. Freshman Joseph Johnson stretches for the end-zone in the final game of the season. Photos by Samantha Walker, Alex Parlette, and Jess Michels

Saying Goodbye to Three Retiring Faculty Members

The year of 2010 – 2011 brought many changes with the netbooks, new rules and new faces; but there are also many familiar faces that will move on from U-High. Teachers Debbie Hubbard, Char Lehnen, and Anita Beaman are moving on and leaving behind big shoes to fill.

Hubbard was paired up with Coach Chuck Gault for many of her years as the health teacher for the freshman program. Many will remember her for her non- vulgar lessons about the human anatomy. When it comes to having sex in high school... remember, Mrs. Hubbard says "No."

Gault said not only was she good at teaching but was also a good partner to work with.

"We've been friends for a long time in and out of school," said Gault. "She is a living saint, she put up with me for that long. I don't think I could have worked with anyone else. We were a perfect team."

Alumni Kelly Harrell had only good things to say about Hubbard.

"She was the nicest and most genuine teacher I've ever had. You could talk to her about anything and she was 'the mom' of the school," said Harrell.

Hubbard, who has 30 years of experience, with 21.5 years at U-High, said she wants to move on to spend time with her grandkids, travel, shop during the day, and hang out with friends.

"I want to be able to travel and do things with my friends, go to lunch, work out," said Hubbard. "It's not really that I want to get away, it's just that I need to be able to do other things. But I will like to go shopping in the day time and not in the busy night times."

Although she is happy to get to do other things, Hubbard said she will really miss it here at U-High.

"I will miss the students first; just working with the students has been great. The parents and faculty are great. I will miss being a part of the U-High family," said Hubbard.

Another teacher that is leaving is the freshman program is history teacher, Char Lehnen. She has taught and coached softball and volleyball at U-High for over 20 years.

Co-worker and friend Andy Davis said without Ms. Lehnen he would not be where he is today.

"Ms. Lehnen has years of experience, she is a great mentor and made me the teacher I am today. Not only is Ms.Lehnen a great teacher, I am proud to call her a friend, and she is one heck of a guitar picker," said Davis.

Lehnen has also helped student Joel Gebhardt feel comfortable expressing his opinion.

"Ms. Lehnen's classroom was a place where students felt they could express their ideas in a safe environment conducive to learning. I will always appreciate that," said Gebhardt.

Lehnen also dedicated a significant portion of her career to coaching sports. She coached just about as long as she taught. Going to State five times including two state titles in volleyball and going to state twice in softball makes for an impressive record.

With these accomplishments under her belt, she said she feels it is finally time for her to retire. Leaving U-High was a tough choice, and she will miss U-High.

"I'm old; it's just time to retire. I've worked for 35 years. I retired in May because I have taught my 35 years, but I wanted to slowly transition out of teaching, so that's why I asked to teach part time, and its perfect," said Lehnen. "I'm going to miss the students, but particularly my peers and teachers. They are a very fun group to be around. I'll be happy to be able to go to the bathroom whenever I want to, not have to wait until class is over."

The last teacher leaving U-High this 2010-2011 school year is librarian Anita Beaman. Co-worker Marc Feaster said that her five years here at U-High has really brought the library up to speed in technology, and she really knew how to please the students.

"Beaman has a really strong sense of her audience, she buys books every month for the library and when you talk to her she has a really strong sense of who the students are and what they would read," said Feaster.

Freshman Tanner Peasley said she was enthusiastically ready to lend a hand in the library.

"Ms. Beaman really helped me find a good book for my class project and was really eager to help me," said Peasley.

Moving on to ISU's Milner library, she will now have an impact on more people by teaching future librarians. While Beaman is ready for her new job to start, she is going to miss a lot about U-High, but one of those things will not be food in the library!

"This was a really really hard decision for me to make. I'm both happy and sad. I'm going to miss the teachers here, and the student interaction, I'll be teaching college students but they'll be in their 20s so I'll miss being with the high school students, and I'm going to miss our library, just not the food in it, but I'm excited about new challenges," said Beaman.

Principal Jeff Hill said he would miss the things that each one of them brought to U-High.

"I think each one of them brings something special to U-High and most everyone that's been through the freshman program knows each one of them. They will be missed dearly," said Hill.

By Ellie Sloneker and Kelly Berryman



"One of my main hobbies is working out, wellness is a big part of my life and I taught it here for a long time," said Debbie Hubbard.

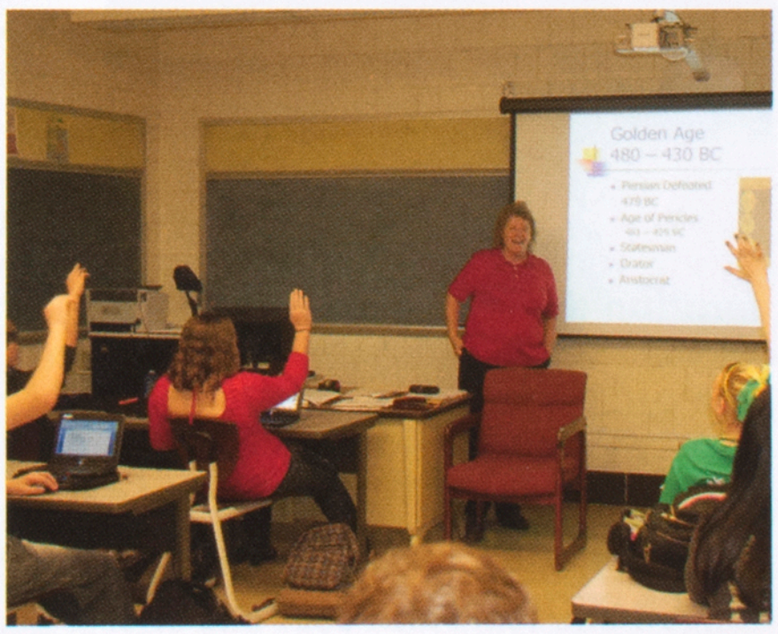
Clockwise: Senior Melanie Goebel talks to Debbie Hubbard.Debbie Hubbard discusses a book with Junior James Munson. Junior Amy Bondo talks to librarian Anita Beaman.











Clockwise: Anita Beaman reads her last book as the librarian for U-High. Mrs. Lehnen teaches freshmen a lesson about the valuables of the golden age during world studies. Students participate in a disccusion during World Studies with Mrs. Lehnen. Photos by Ellie Sloneker and Kelly Berryman









Clockwise: Senior Ryan Rutherford battles with Drew Kerschieter from Normal West during the Boys Intercity Cross Country Meet. The Girls Varsity team starts the Girls Intercity race. Sophomore Elizabeth Fansler and freshman Gabriella Jacobs cheer on the boys and girls cross country teams at the 2010 State Meet. Sophomores Alexandra Walch and Elizabeth Fansler relax after the 2010 Girls AA state Meet. Photos by Samantha Walker, Jess Michels, and Joel Gebhardt.

State Bound

The U-High boys cross country teams had a strong season, evidenced by their many victories. In addition to the boys' victories at Intercity, Regionals, and Sectionals, they also placed third at state. The girls' team was outstanding as well, winning Intercity and Regionals, then placing fifth in sectionals and twelfth in state.

Senior Alex Parlette was very pleased with the team's performance.

"We won every race except for two; that's pretty special," Parlette said.

Head coach Lester Hampton said he was very pleased with the teams' performances.

"The highlight of the year, as far as I'm concerned is getting the boys and girls team to state for the first time since 2004. We had 3 all-starters, the highest number in quite some time," Hampton said.

Senior Jace Mortimer said the size of the team contributed to its success.

"It was the depth of our team that made us so strong. We could sub in guys here and there and not lose much," Mortimer said.

Senior Ryan Rutherford said this year's team was exceptional.

"We had a great season," said Rutherford. "This is the best team that U-High has ever had."

The team worked their way to success through daily grueling practices that pushed the team to its limits.

"This is one of the hardest working teams we've had, as evidenced by their success," Hampton said.

By Joel Gebhardt





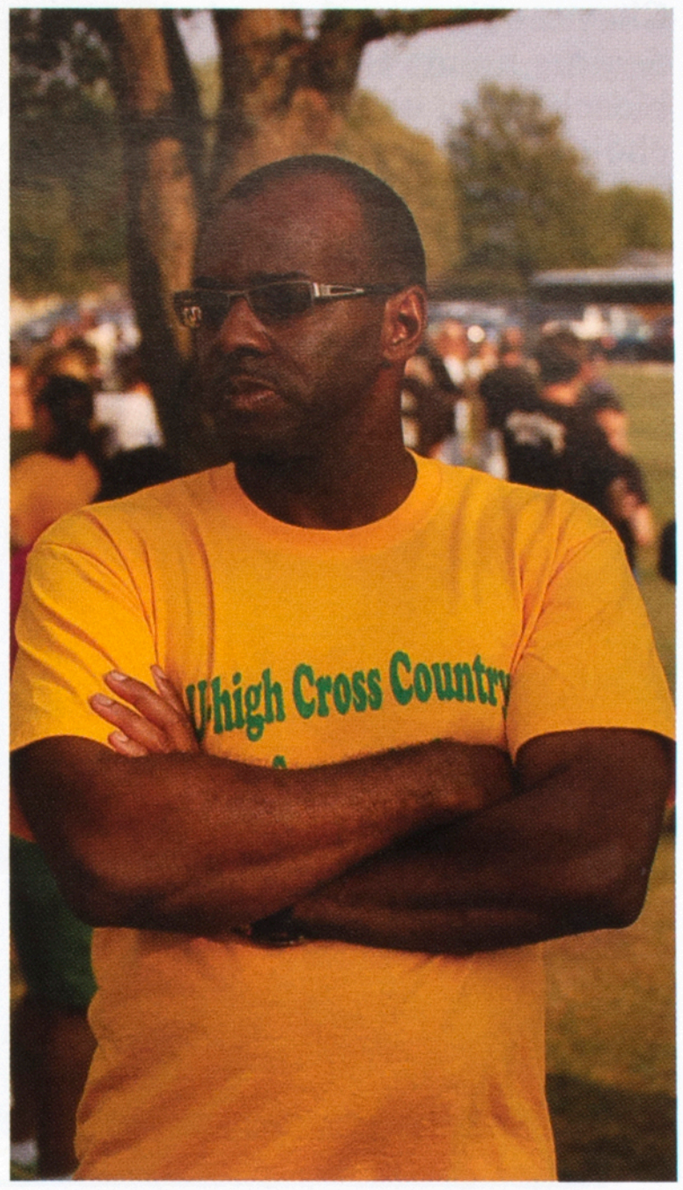
Clockwise:The Girls Varsity Cross Country teams poses for the class AA Regional titles at Maxwell Park. The BoysVarsity Cross Country teams poses for the class AA Regional titles at Maxwell Park. Head Coach Lester Hampton looks onward during a cross country meet.

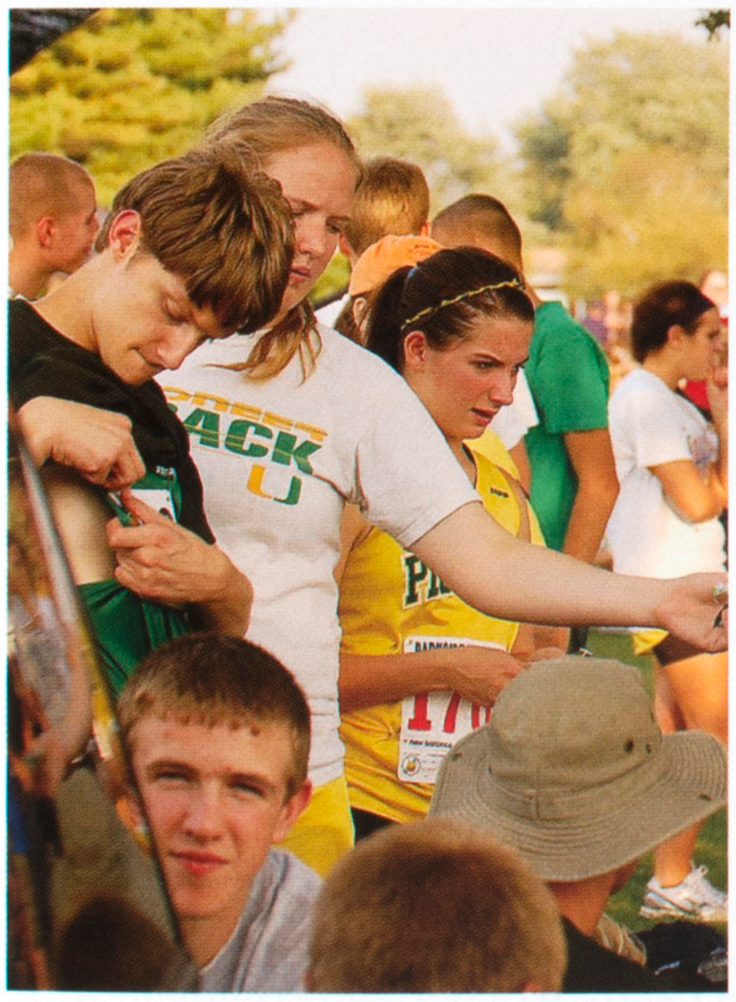
Boys

Date	Team	Results
8/31/10	MS/BHS/Urbana/ EHS/Centtenn	1st
9/11/10	Woodruff Invite	1st
9/14/10	Prairie Central	1st
9/14/10	Eureka F/S Invite	2nd
9/18/10	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	10th
9/21/10	Intercity	1st
9/25/10	E. Peoria Invite	1st
9/30/10	Olympia F/S	1st
10/5/10	U-High Invite	1st
10/9/10	Metamora Invite	1st
10/16/10	Conference	1st
10/25/10	Regional	1st
10/30/10	Sectional	1st
11/6/10	State	3rd

Girls

Date	Team	Results
8/31/10	MS/BHS/Urbana/ EHS/Centtenn	2nd
9/11/10	Woodruff Invite	22nd
9/14/20	Prairie Central	1st
9/14/10	Eureka F/S Invite	2nd
9/18/10	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	35th
9/21/10	Intercity	1st
9/25/10	E. Peoria Invite	1st
9/30/10	Olympia F/S	3rd
10/5/10	U-High Invite	2nd
10/9/10	Metamora Invite	4th
10/16/10	Conference	1st
10/25/10	Regional	1st
10/30/10	Sectional	5th
11/6/10	State	12th









Clockwise: Mitchell Styczynski, Evan Swiech, Katie Lane, and Samantha Supan prepare for a race at Maxwell Park. Seniors Alex Parlette and Jace Mortimer and Sophomore Wesley Ward race during the 2010 AA State meet. Ryan Rutherford, Brendan Hoskins, Alex Chavez, and CJ Hamilton start off strong at the 2010 AA State Meet.

"The cross country team is like a family," Parlette said. "We spend so much time together at practices and meets that we really get to know one another."

"The Teapot Dance was a little embarrassing but not that much," freshman Brendan Bond said. "It was still pretty fun."

Clockwise: U-High freshmen sing and dance to I'm a Little Teapot as is tradition at the annual Homecoming Pep Rally. Members of the Varsity Cross Country team Stephen Husk, Ryan Rutherford, Alex Parlette, and Alex Chavez suit up and don dark sunglass for Twin Day. Seniors Emma Blyth, Anna Weis, and Erin Smith go bleach blond on Character Day as they portray U-High's choir teacher Chris Corpus. Photos by Joel Gebhart, Jess Michels, Kelly Berryman and Alex Parlette.







Homecoming Week: A Sweet Treat

The walls of U-High were covered with colored game board trails and candy inspired characters as students prepared for this year's Candy Land themed Homecoming.

Students had mixed reviews of the Candy Land theme but most seemed to support the chosen theme.

"A few people thought it was too childish but I personally felt it was a fun and a universal theme that could suit many people," Senior class president Lydia Wilson said.

On Monday of homecoming week students rolled out of bed and came straight to school dressed in their pajamas to kick off spirit week. Walking through the halls on Tuesday students were seeing double because it was Twin Day. Students wore jerseys supporting their favorite sports teams on Wednesday for jersey day, which was followed by one of the most popular days of spirit week: character day. Finally, spirit week was capped off on Friday with green and gold day.

Freshman Braelyn Cole said her favorite spirit day was character day.

"We could dress like anyone we wanted to and not be embarrassed," said Cole.

On Friday night the pioneers played the Eagles from Rantoul Township High School. The Pioneers were victorious at the end of the night after scoring a field goal in the end of the fourth quarter. U-High won 24-21.

At half time of the homecoming football game, members of the homecoming court were escorted to the middle of the field to await the announcement of the 2010 homecoming king and queen.

Seniors Emily Clay and Brian Tanaka were announced as queen and king of the homecoming court.

Tanaka said he was surprised when he heard his name announced as king.

"I was waiting for them to say another name, but then I heard mine and I couldn't believe it," Tanaka said.

While the homecoming court was enjoying the half-time festivities, senate was hard at work transforming the small gym into a candy wonderland complete with a bubble machine and endless amounts of candy.

Senior Jace Mortimer said he had a great experience at homecoming this year.

"Personally I enjoyed it and it was a really good time," Mortimer said, "It was better than past years."

By Tyler Scott





Clockwise: Homecoming Queen Emily Clay nervously awaits the election results with her escort, Zach Billingsley. Pioneers on the defense against Rantoul High School during the Friday night Homecoming game. Homecoming Court anxiously awaits the recognition of homecoming King.













Clockwise: Alumni parade across the football field at half-time. Seniors cheer at the 2011 Powderpuff Game. Seniors Marissa Diekhoff and Chandler Brooks enter the Homcoming Dance together. Juniors Shannon Stuart, Kyley McKeown, and Haylee Weakly compete against Senior Jane McCullough at the Powderpuff Game. Juniors Hannah Hotzel and MollyRuth Anderson along with sophomores Nathalie Kiesewetter and Emma Blickensderfer cheer at the Pep Rally.

"Everyone played great, but the MVP of the Powderpuff game was definitely Jane McCullough," said senior coaches Brian Tanaka and Mitch Januzik.

Date	Team	Score
8/16/10	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	317
8/17/10	Redbird/Raider Classic	309
8/21/10	Macomb Invite	327
8/28/10	Monmouth Invite	318
9/3/10	Danville Invite	322
9/4/10	Homewood-Floss-moor	320
9/8/10	Lincoln/Wash-ington	170
9/10/10	Mattoon Invite	311
9/11/10	Mattoon Invite	315
9/16/10	Livingston County Invitational	313
9/18/10	Pekin Dragon Invite	304
9/21/10	Intercity Tourna-ment	301
9/23/10	Pontiac Scramble	58
9/25/10	CCHS Invite	297
9/27/10	Olympia/Hey-worth/Mahomet	160
10/2/10	Conference Cham-pionships	327
10/5/10	Regionals	301
10/11/10	Sectionals	312



"The team showed improvement from the first of the season until the end," Hubbard said.

Clockwise: The Boys' Golf Team shows off their trophies. Logan Stauffer and Bobby-Jocson talk strategy with their coaches. Photos courtesy of Lori Baracani.



Pioneers Fall Just Short of Eighth Consecutive State Title

After seven consecutive state titles, the boys' golf team had plenty of expectations to live up to. The odds were stacked against them to be able to add an eighth straight banner to the walls of the U-High gymnasium.

The Pioneers missed qualifying for state for the first time since 2002 by three strokes at the Dunlap 2A Sectional at Kellogg Golf Course in Peoria. U-High placed fourth as Peoria Notre Dame and Mahomet-Seymour shared the Sectional title.

The competition in the Dunlap Sectional was arguably among the most challenging in Class 2A, which may have led to the Pioneers disappointing loss.

"I think we just got put in a really hard sectional. I think whoever was playing their best was going to win it," senior Logan Stauffer said. "We didn't play as well and we missed it."

Senior Bobby Jocson said he thought the team would have had a shot at the state title if they had managed to qualify.

"I think we had a good enough team to contend at state but we had one bad day which cost us," Jocson said.

Despite being unable to qualify for state in the team competition, two U-High golfers, Stauffer and sophomore Adam Baracani, were able to advance to state in the individual competition with Stauffer placing fifth to earn All State Honors.

Head Coach Cal Hubbard commended his seniors for their high performance and guidance they gave throughout the season.

"Team captain Bobby Jocson provided leadership for the younger players and was our second best scorer with a 39 stroke, nine-hole average. Logan Stauffer had a 37 stroke average and was a medalist in three tournaments," Hubbard said.

By Austin Monteith

Lady Pioneers Show Strength in their Teamwork

The girls' golf team performed well as a team this season as the Pioneers took home some hard-earned postseason hardware from the state tournament. The Lady Pioneers won the Class AA Champaign (Central) Regional at the University of Illinois Blue Course in Savoy. The team also managed another victory at the Intercity tournament at Ironwood Golf Course.

Senior Ashley Beverage said that the effort from the team was a major reason for the team's success.

"Our team was pulled together by our sense of team work and even though we weren't playing together, I know that every player was out there playing for the rest of our team, not just themselves," Beverage said.

Sophomore Sheinnera Gerongay said that teamwork is essential in golf because it is a psychological game.

"Teamwork is very important because golf is a mental game, and I think we all played better knowing that we had each other's backs," Gerongay said.

The chemistry between teammates transitioned off the course as well.

"We would go out to eat together, go to movies with each other, and some of us would even play a couple rounds for fun," Gerongay said.

Even though the whole team showed strong solidarity during the course of the year, Gerongay managed to stand out as an individual as she advanced all the way to state in the individual competition. Gerongay finished tied for 48th at the Class AA State Tournament at Red Tail Run Golf Club in Decatur.

By Austin Monteith

Date	Team	Score
8/20/10	BHS Best Ball	188
8/21/10	Alton Marquette Invite	365
8/26/10	BHS/NCWHS	189
8/28/10	U-High Invite	362
8/30/10	NCHS/Pekin/Notre Dame	188
9/1/10	Bishop Mac/Pontiac/CCHS	181
9/4/10	Homewood-Flossmo Invite	361
9/8/10	Intercity Tournament	345
9/11/10	NCHS Invite	356
9/16/10	Livingston County Invite	360
9/20/10	Pontiac/Mahomet/Prarie Central	174
9/25/10	Pekin Invite	378
9/28/10	Morton/Metamora	175
10/2/10	Conference Championship	378
10/6/10	Regionals	345
10/11/10	Sectionals	382

"We always found something to laugh about no matter what obstacles we faced. There was never any tension between us, and I think we all had a good time," Gerongay said.





Clockwise: The Girls' Golf Team show off their Regionals Plaque in the sunshine. Sheinnera Gerongay puts the ball into the hole.Photos courtesy of Michelle Beverage.

"The mood amongst us stayed strong throughout the season because we kept the atmosphere light, even in tough times," Beverage said.

Young Team Proves Successful

Even with the loss of many of last year's starters, the 2010-2011 boys soccer team was able to recoup and successfully build a strong team, giving young players the experience that they will need in order to thrive in their future athletic careers.

Senior Zack Billingsley said that after losing several of last year's starters, he was unsure of what to expect coming into this year.

"We exceeded my expectations for this team. After losing 7 starters from last year's squad, I was skeptical for this season," said Billingsley. "However, I am really happy with how everything turned out and I am proud of all the work the guys put in."

Head coach Jeremy Stanton said that the four seniors helped guide the younger players and that by the end of the year the team was at its best.

"The team improved throughout the year. I think the older guys started leading and the younger guys had some experience under their belt near the end of the year," said Stanton.

Sophomore Feras Becerra said that he was pleased with the amount of playing time he got this year.

"I got to play a lot this year and I learned a lot of skills that will help me next year," said Becerra.

Stanton said he was pleased with his team's performance throughout the year.

"I thought our team was very competitive this year. We were very young as a whole but worked extremely hard," said Stanton.

By Jordan Kilhoffer







Clockwise: Junior Zain Becerra steals the ball in varsity soccer game. Seniors Zach Billingsley, Jake Irwin, Chandler Brooks and Jon Paul Langellier smile together at senior night.Varsity soccer team sits and talks during half time.

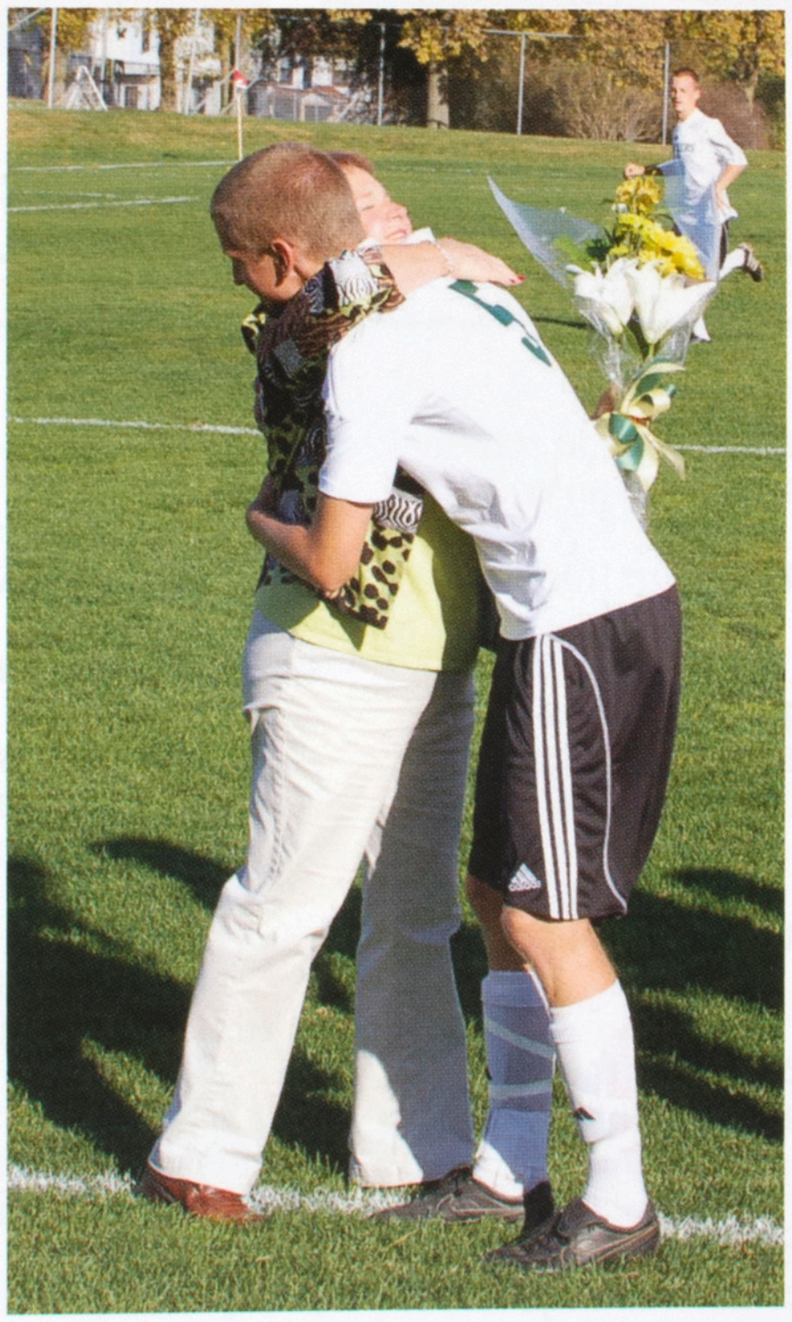
Date	Team	Results
8/26/10	Morton	T
8/30/10	NCHS	L
8/31/10	BHS	W
9/1/10	NCWHS	L
9/4/10	CCHS	W
9/7/10	Peoria Notre Dame	L
9/9/10	Mahomet-Seymour	W
9/11/10	Galesburg	W
9/15/10	Champaign Centennial	W
9/18/10	Quincy Notre Dame	L
9/23/10	Dunlap	W
9/25/10	East Moline United Township	L
9/27/10	Champaign Central	W
9/29/10	Springfield	W
10/2/10	Peoria Richwoods	W
10/8/10	Decatur Macarthur	W
10/9/10	BHS	W
10/9/10	Warrensville-Lathen	W
10/13/10	Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin	L
10/19/10	Lincoln	W
10/22/10	BHS	W
10/27/10	Champagn Centennial	L



Clockwise: U-High defneds the goal during the senior night game against Springfield. U-High students enthusiastically cheer on the soccer team during Senior night.







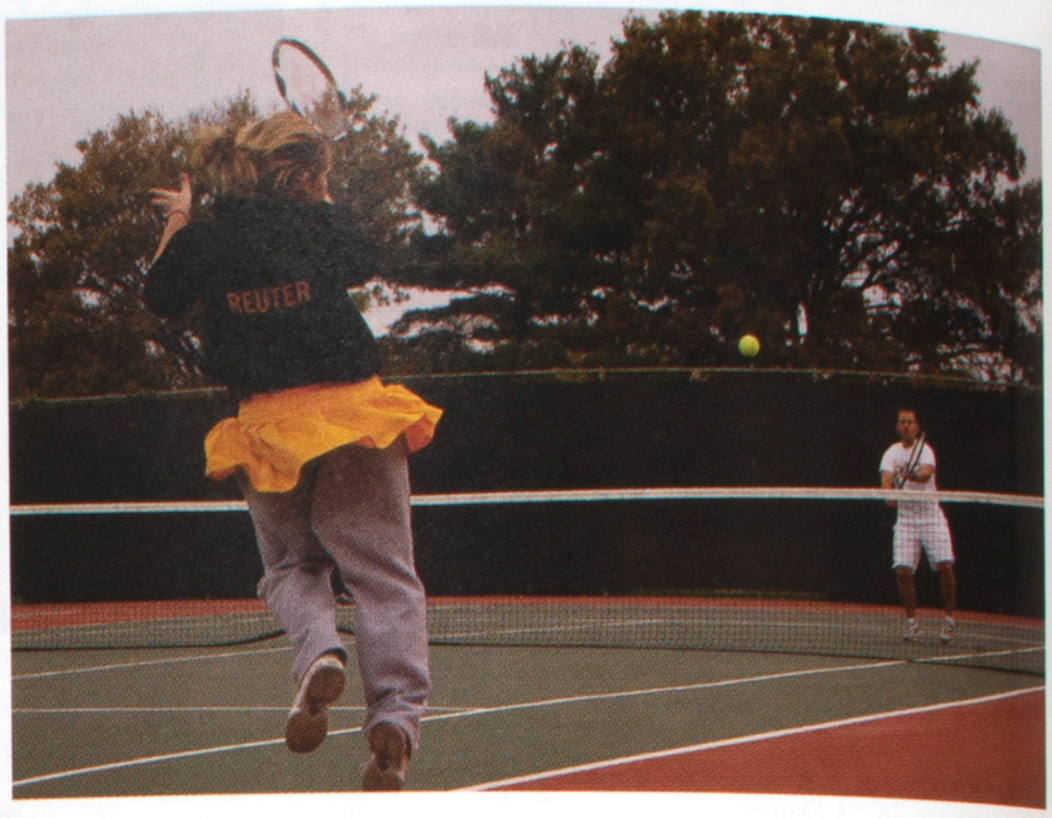




Clockwise: Seniors cut the cake after the senior night game. Senior Jake Irwin hugs his mom at senior night. Junior Zain Becerra goes for the ball during Senoir night.Seniors Jake Irwin, Jon Paul Langellier, and Zach Billingsley eat cake. Photos by Ellie Sloneker

Clockwise: Freshman Alyssa Reuter returns a pass from her coach as she prepares to compete at state. Freshman Alyssa Reuter prepares for state with her sister and doubles partner, senior Sienna Reuter. Junior Amanda Conklin returns the tennis ball in her final practice before competing in the state tournament. Photos by Alex Parlette and Kelly Berryman







Talented Siblings Make a Dynamic Duo

With a thriving season and a great outcome in regionals up to state, the girls tennis season came to an end.

To start off, the girls received first place in Intercity, being ranked number one.

"Our season went very well. We played strong and practiced hard and it showed," said sophomore tennis player Erica Matheis. "We did great overall."

Freshman Alyssa Reuter and her senior sister Sienna Reuter won regional's and went on to win sectionals, as did the rest of the team.

In sectionals, the two went 5-0, leading to the doubles championship, ending with a win, and leading U-High to a winning title.

The victory in the Bloomington Sectional, made history as it was the Pioneers' first postseason triumph since 1978.

The Reuter sisters lead the team to state and went 2 – 4 themselves.

Alyssa Reuter said state was a great experience.

"Going to state was a lot of fun, and I hope to go again next year with more teammates," said Alyssa Reuter. "Playing at state was exciting yet nerve-wracking."

Junior Amanda Conklin also won regionals, sectionals, and went 0 -2 in state.

"Watching the girls go to state was very exciting. It was nice to see U-High do so well and bring back a great win," said Matheis.

By Haley Sauve

Date	Team	Results
8/27-28/10	Springfield High School Invitational	4th
8/25/10	Peoria Notre Dame	W
8/31-9/1/10	Intercity Tournament	1st
9/2/10	Normal Community West High School	W
9/3-4/10	Edwardsville Invite	8th
9/14/10	Pontiac	W
9/17-18/10	Bloomington High School Gold Invitational	6th
9/22/10	Decatur St. Teresa	W
9/24-25/10	Southern Illinois Duals	8th
9/29/10	Metamora	L
10/1-2/10	Bloomington High School Purple/Gold Invitational	10th
10/7/10	Central Catholic	W
10/13/10	Morton	W
10/15-16/10	Sectional Tournament	1st



Left: Doubles partners sophmore Katherine Sampson and Senior Alia Khan prepare for their match.

"There is still some bickering from my sister and I but that is just a part of playing with my sister," said freshman Alyssa Reuter.





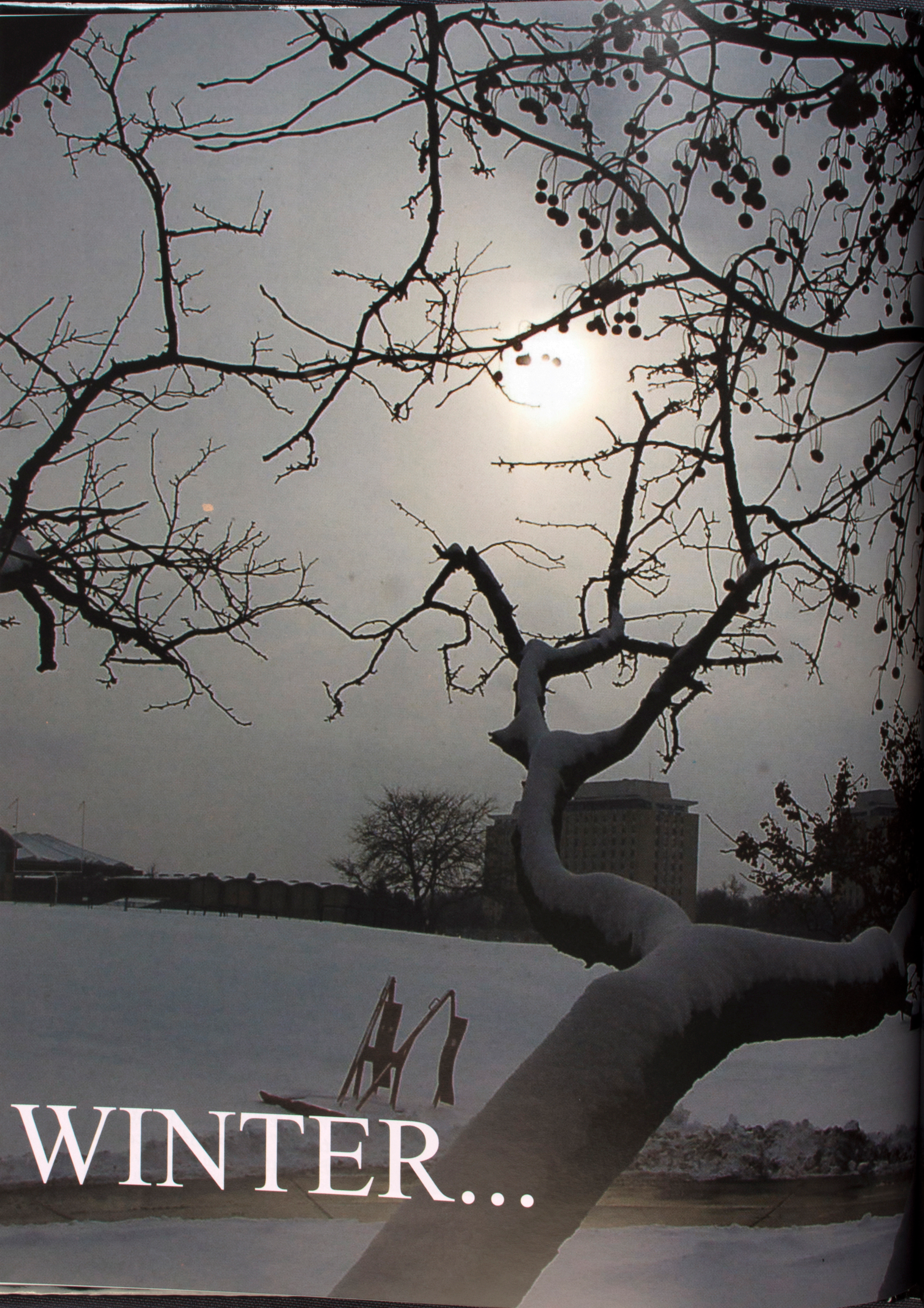
Left to Right: Junior Amanda Conklin serves an ace against Morton. Freshman Alyssa Reuter and Junior Amanda Conklin simultaneously return a pass in their respective matches.

"Our team is deep in talent this year but we also have very good relationships of the court which makes the bond of the team great," said freshman Alyssa Reuter.



Above : The U-High girls tennis team stands proud as they hold their first place sectional plaque. Junior Amanda Conklin and Sophomore Isabel Park compete in a doubles match togeher.

"I think that the girls are good and are going to do well. We are big fighters as a team," said assistant coach Bob Talbot.


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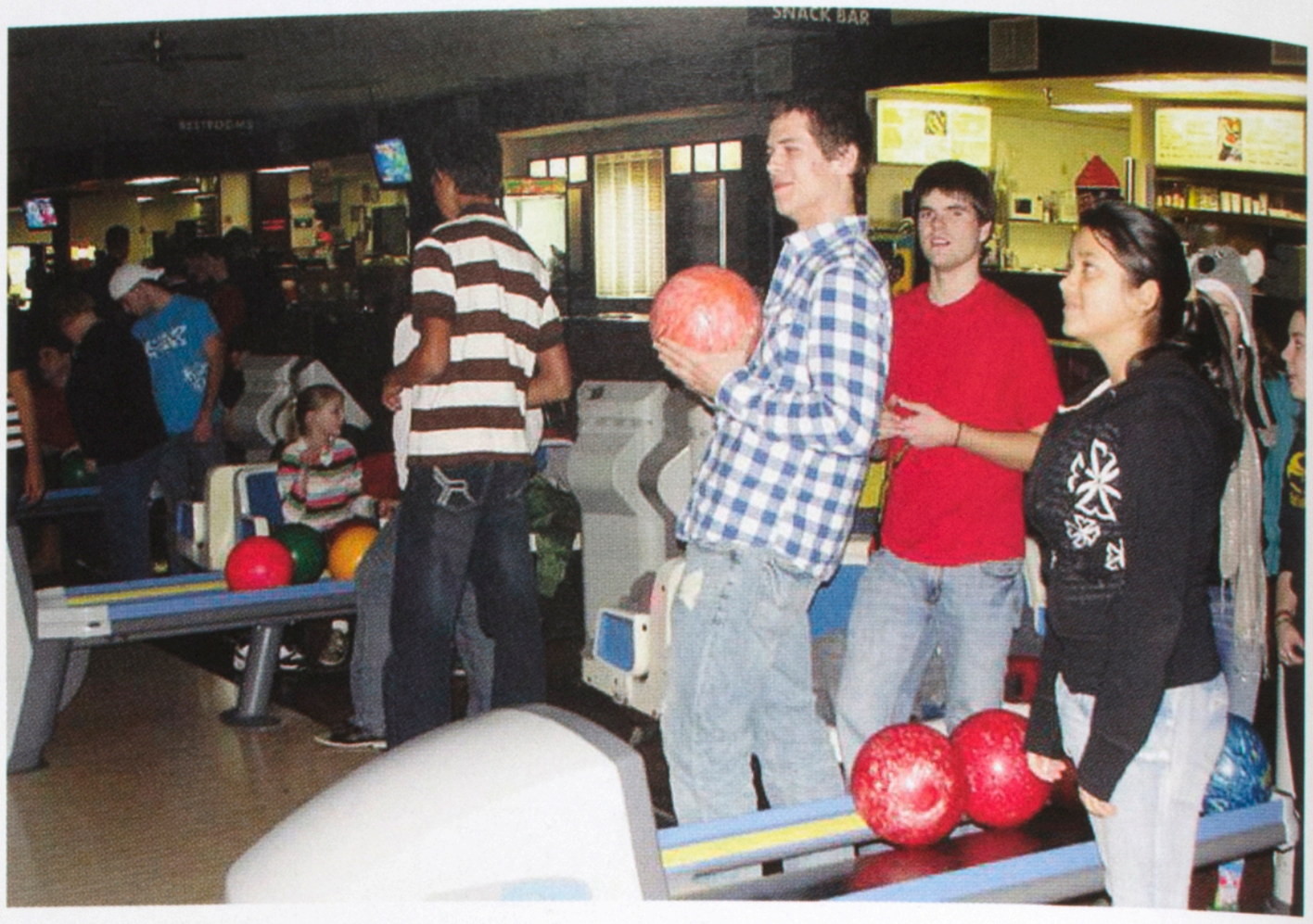
As an icy chill settled over U-High, students continued to stay active in both extra-curriculars and academics.

The Pioneer Speechies and the Boys Swim and Dive teams managed to keep the cold at bay with winning seasons.

Winter culminated and set the stage for spring with the reopening of Stroud Auditorium.

"I am very happy for my students, too. It's a huge opportunity that they took and it will open a new door for them," said Laura Vega.

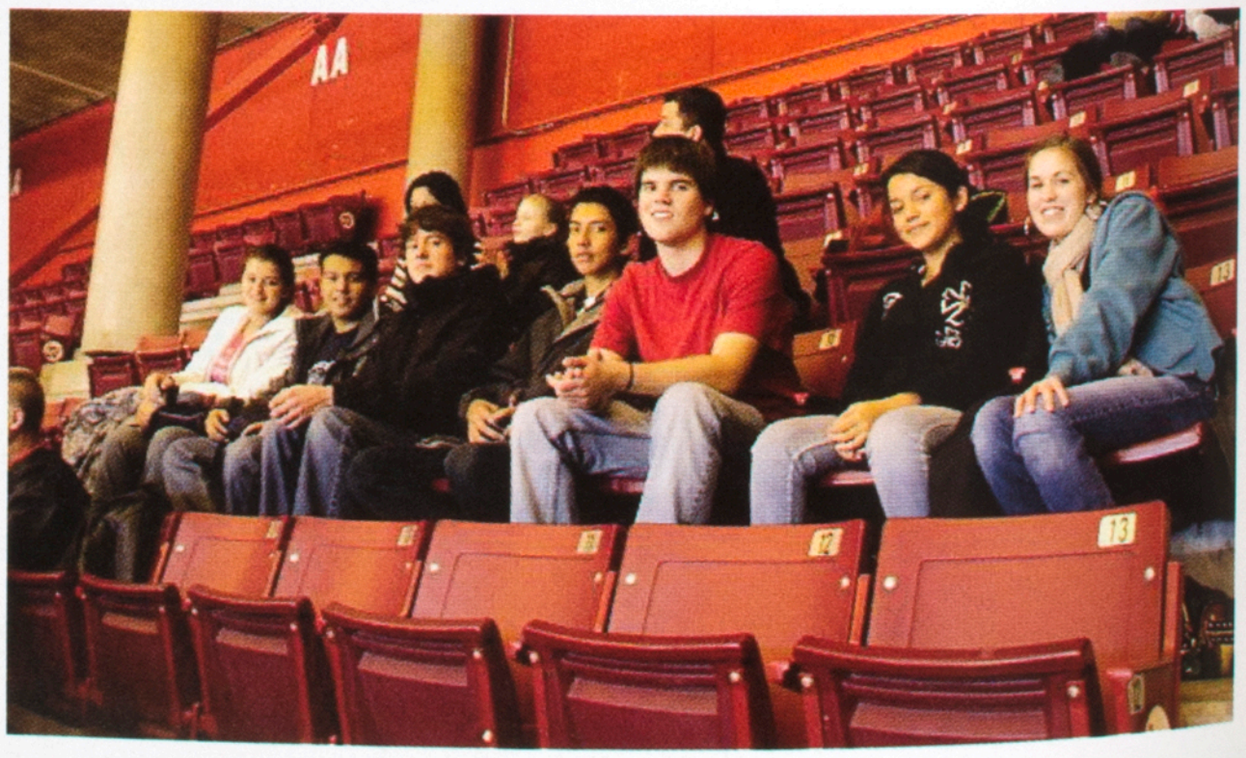
Clockwise: Seniors Jordan Kilhoffer and Stephen Kiel and exchange student Karolina Granados prepare to bowl. Spanish teacher Kimberly Rojas and senior Kelsey Larson pick up the exchange students from Chicago O'Hare airport. Group watches an ISU mens basketball game. Kelsey Larson hosts a welcome dinner for the Costa Rican exchange students. Exchange students Jose Andrés, Vinicio Arrieta, and Karonlina Granados experience sledding for the first time with seniors Stephen Kiel, Sam Mueting, and Jordan Kilhoffer.











Senior Kelsey Larson poses with some friends at LEBLA school in Costa Rica. Seniors Jordan Kilhoffer, Alyssa Mandula, and Kelsey Larson say goodbye to their host students Vinicio Perez, Iliany Rojas,s and Karonlina Granados.





Exchanging Cultures

"The fact that we have knowledge of the country allows us to offer more opportunities to students on both sides of the exchange," Kimberly Rojas said.

From May 26 through June 3 in 2010, three U-High students went to Costa Rica as part of an exchange program to live with families and go to school with students that are about their age. From January 5 through January 13, two of the Costa Rican exchange students, Karolina Granados and Iliany Rojas, who were already a part of the program, along with two new students, Vinicio Arrieta and Jose Andrés, came to U-High to experience American culture.

For Spanish teacher Kimberly Rojas, the purpose of this exchange program was really about giving students a real world chance to experience a new culture.

"We started this program to give students a chance to learn about a new culture, learn new language skills, have new experiences, and open their world from more than the Bloomington-Normal area," Kimberly Rojas said.

Senior Sam Mueting, who hosted Andrés, said it was eye-opening to show his culture to someone who has never been to the United States.

"It is different because often times I was not aware of certain things that were part of our culture until I learned about the differences from Jose," Mueting said.

Senior Alyssa Mandula, who hosted Iliany Rojas, went to Costa Rica during Spring Break in 2010 with other members of U-High. Mandula said that it was more fun to experience a different culture rather than showing someone else her culture.

"I learned so much while I was in Costa Rica and it made me reflect on my own life," Mandula said. "I am very grateful to Jose and Kimberly Rojas for this amazing experience. It truly has been life changing. Putting yourself completely outside of your comfort zone is something everyone should experience."

Senior Steven Kiel, who hosted Arrieta, said that communicating with Arrieta was difficult.

"My student didn't speak English so I had to act as a translator between him and my parents, teachers, and friends," Kiel said.

When asked how he felt the first few days he was here, Andrés said that he was very excited because it was his first time in the United States and there was so much to experience.

"I was happy to meet new people, see snow for the first time, and to learn more about a different culture," Andrés said. "It was a nice experience."

Senior Kelsey Larson, who hosted Granados, said that she was able to learn something important.

"The most important thing I learned is that differences in language, culture, or even world views cannot stop the positive forces of friendship," Larson said.

Arrieta also said that he learned a lot of from this experience.

"The best part was getting to see the snow," Arrieta said. "Also, it was good to learn about a new culture and meet new people. When I go back to Costa Rica, I'm going to have a lot to tell and I don't know where to start."

Iliany Rojas said that she enjoyed a lot of new things through this exchange program.

"I got to learn more English and about a culture that is so different than mine," Rojas said. "I tried Japanese food and Mexican food and it was delicious. I made a lot of new friends and I loved the trip."

By Jordan Kilhoffer



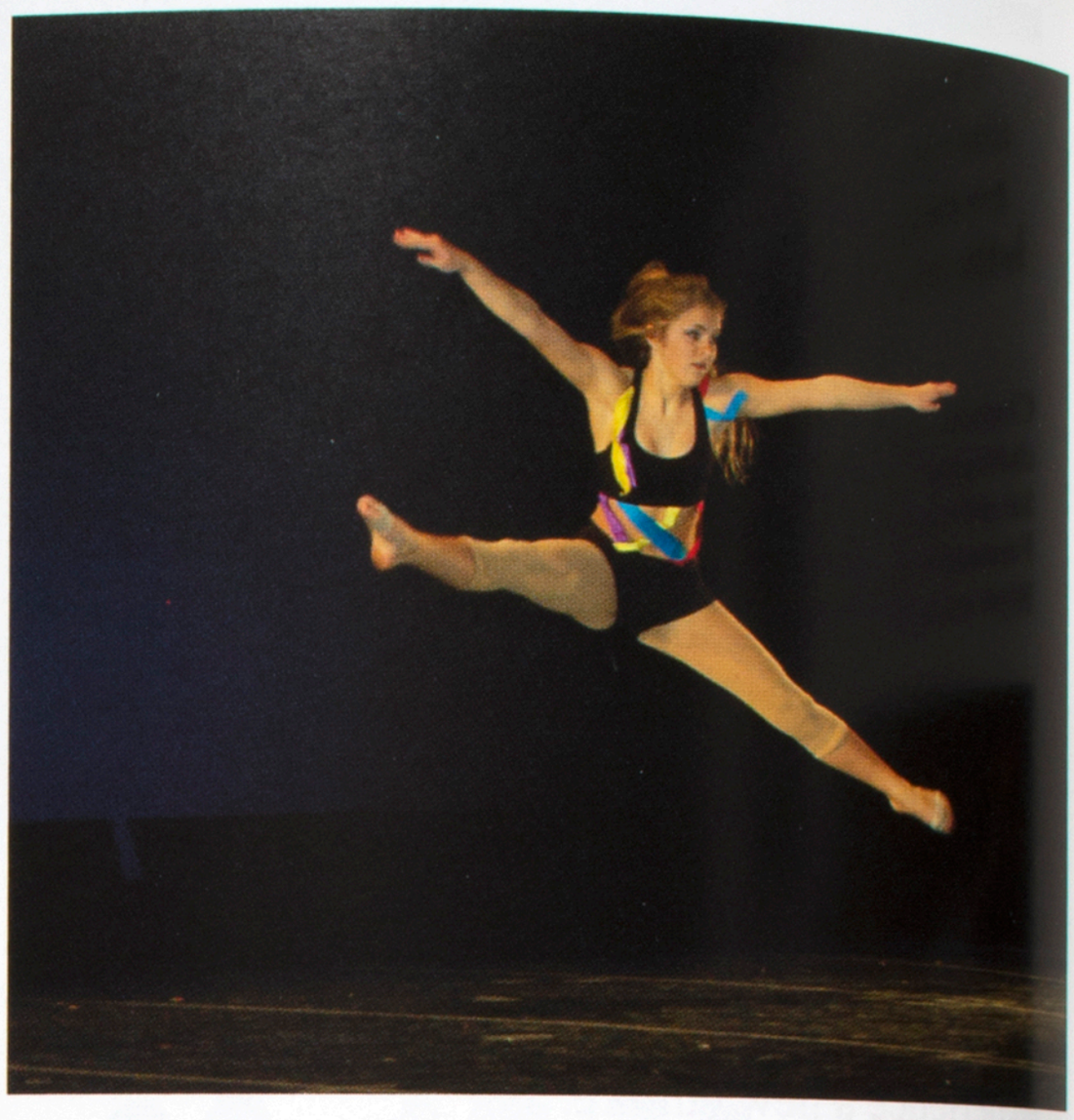


Senior Jordan Kilhoffer holds a pet crocodile at Vinicio's house. Senior Kelsey Larson and Vincio Perez relaxing in La Fortuna.

"It's a cool program and a great opportunity that not a lot of schools get," said Audrey Keen.

Clockwise: Sophomore Nathalie Kiesewetter performs a difficult move at the fall orchesis concert. Orchesis teacher looks through choreography mappings during rehearsal.





Orchesis Choreographs Great Shows

While dance appears to some as just an exciting form of entertainment, the members of the Orchesis class also see dancing as an outlet for their life experiences.

Senior Kelsey Larson said that they take inspiration from multiple mediums for their choreography.

"We have created dance works inspired by poetry!" Larson said. "I choreographed a duet and also a large group piece. The group piece is called 'Good Girls Gone Purple,' inspired by the poem 'Warning' by Jenny Joseph. It's about young women being confident in themselves and fierce!"

Senior Taihla Eddins said she thinks the class is both fun and informative.

"Orchesis is a great class," Eddins said. "It is just like a typical class but you are learning different ways to dance and express your dancing. So far, we have had units in modern dance and ballet, and we even study the Martha Graham modern technique."

Not only has this year been fun, but Eddins said that it has been filled with emotion.

"Kelsey had a very emotional dance for her grandpa," said Eddins. "He had recently died right before the fall concert, and she made her dance about him. Everyone was crying by the end of it, the audience and the dancers."

Larson's piece that was dedicated to her grandfather was the opening piece in the fall concert. She said the piece, Angels Echoe, helped her mourn the loss of her grandfather.

"The reason the dance was so emotional was because it served not only the purpose of honoring my grandfather," Larson said, "but was also my artistic outlet for grieving his death, which I never really took ample time to do after I lost him 7 months ago."

One of the requirements of Orchesis class is being able to choreograph, which Larson said can be very difficult.

"It is a challenging process for me because I want to make sure that my movement is new and inventive for each concert we do," Larson said. "I don't like to repeat any of the same movements in my dances. But my greatest passion in the arts world is choreography, so I thoroughly enjoy the challenges and rewards that come along with choreographing a good piece."

Larson went on to say that that she tries to involve all of her dancers in the exploration of the choreography.

"I have a whole process in my personal choreography rehearsals with my dancers in which we explore the meaning behind the movement," Larson said. "I ask each dancer to think about what they want to say with the movement, what the dance means to them specifically. Once they start making personal connections to the piece like that, it helps the emotion flow through their bodies as well as the athleticism of the dance itself."

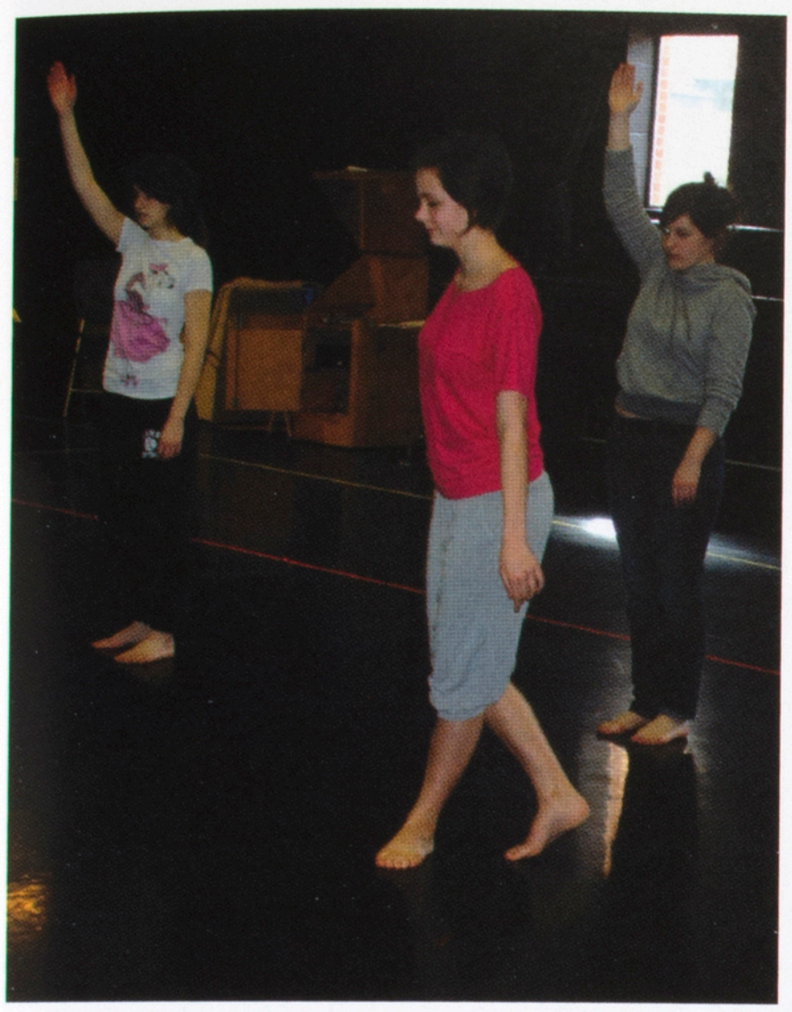
Through the dancers' powerful performances, they were able to connect to the audience as well.

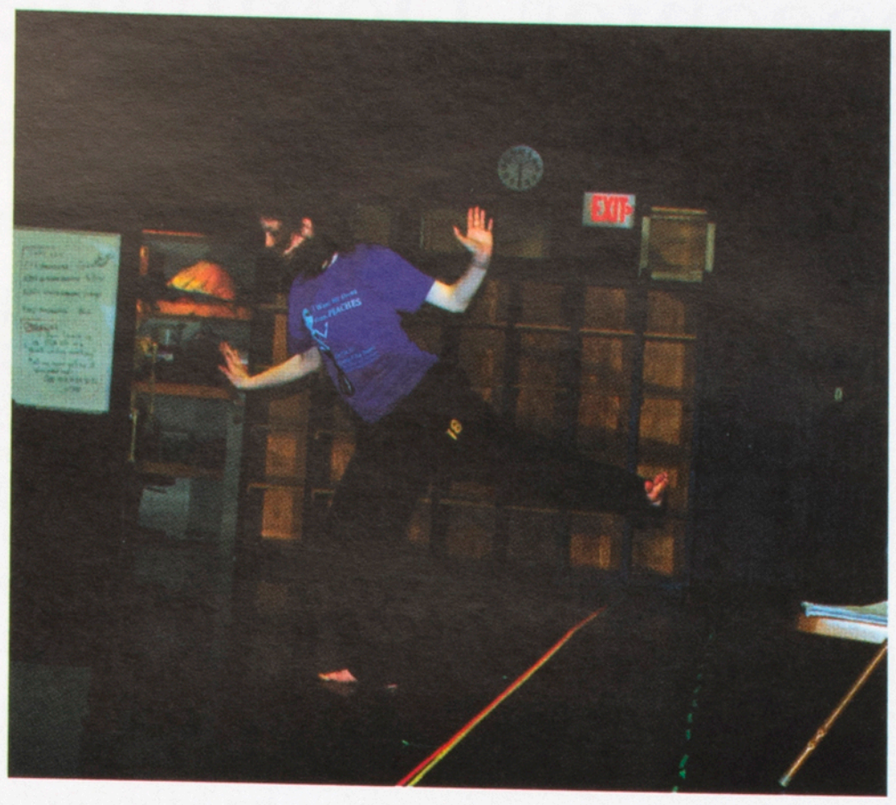
Senior Zack Billingsley said, "Orchesis performances are always beautifully constructed and almost bring tears to my eyes. Everyone does a great job."

By: Alex Parlette and Christian Grobe

"I've never been in a dance class before. It's a fun way to try something new... and it's better than P.E.," said Madison Oakley.

Clockwise: Junior Alison Frey working on choreography. Senior Kelsey Larson leads her performace in the Fall Orchesis Concert. Freshman Kylie Mauer and Seniors Emma Blyth and Anna Weis practice in class.





"It's a great chance to create and perform our own choregraphy," said Madison Abel.

It can be hard to memorize the routines, but when it all comes together at the concerts it turns out great," said Kaitlyn Dossett.







Clockwise: Senior Liz Lindenmeier and Junior Alison Frey conclude their dance in the fall concert. Senior Kelsey Larson prepares for the opening number ot the Spring Concert. Senior Liz Lindenmeier and Junoirs Katie Sandage and Alison Frey rehearse in class. Senior Emma Blyth performs with Senior Alex Lovel from CCHS in the Spring Concert.

Photos By: Jess Michels and Kelly Berryman





Speechies Dominate Season

With sixty-three members on the speech team and some very strong senior leaders, this year was a recipe for success. Over nearly twenty tournaments, U-High managed to capture 330 individual awards, with multiple competitors who never received less than first place at a competition. U-High made a statement this year by also winning 13 tournaments, regionals, and sectionals, qualifying 10 people to move onto state.

Speech coach Mark Adams was pleased with the strength of the whole team.

"The strength came from the entirety of the team. Winning thirteen tournaments this year was a large accomplishment," Adams said.

Having a large group helped to win so many tournaments, but it also presents a problem with getting everyone involved.

"There were issues with a large group. The fact that most tournaments won't allow us to enter more than two people in one event, and we had enough to enter seven people in some events," Adams said. "We also had to make sure there was enough coaching for everyone. We had days where there were 150 half-hour coaching sessions."

Winning sectionals with so many people qualifying for state was a highlight of this year, especially for the seniors who have put four years into the speech team. Senior Nate May loved the experience of winning sectionals.

"Winning sectionals, that was pretty incredible. It wasn't even close. We blew everyone out of the water and qualified 10 people for state, wow. There were people crying all over the place. It was unbelievable," May said.

Senior speech member Kambria Vance got further than sectionals, bringing two pieces to state; a dramatic interpretation and dramatic duet acting. Her dramatic interpretation was about a mother whose son died in a plane crash, and her dramatic duet acting was about the famous burlesque queen Gypsy Rose Lee, where she played Gypsy and sophomore Audrey Keen (her partner) played an overbearing mother.

Vance's goal was to get the audience to feel what she was feeling, this is what got her to state. That, and a lot of hard work.

"I started working on my speech in July at a camp at ISU. I could not have done it without Mark and Laurie Adams or my coaches that I had throughout the season," Vance said. "I had to keep reinventing my character so it seemed like I was telling her story for the first time. But it was my teammates' support that got me into finals and ultimately 3rd place. All three of my pieces were serious in nature and my goal for the season was getting people to feel the emotions I was trying to articulate."

Vance said that this was a very successful year with many up and coming competitors.

"I think my favorite part was watching my teammates, especially the novices, gain experience and confidence. It is more than exciting to watch them excel in speech when you've helped coach and know that next year they're going to be that much better," Vance said.

Adams is also confidant about next year's team and they are already revamping.

"This year was a great year and now we are just reloading for next year," Adams said.

By Kelly Berryman

Clockwise: Sophmores Audrey Keen and Alison Ogunmokun celebrate after a successful awards ceremony. Senior Kambria Vance and Junior Garrett Medlock duel during warm-ups. The entire Speech Team crowds into Busy Corner for victory pie. Seniors George Seelinger, Elora Karim and Nate May get their codes as they prepare for a tournament.







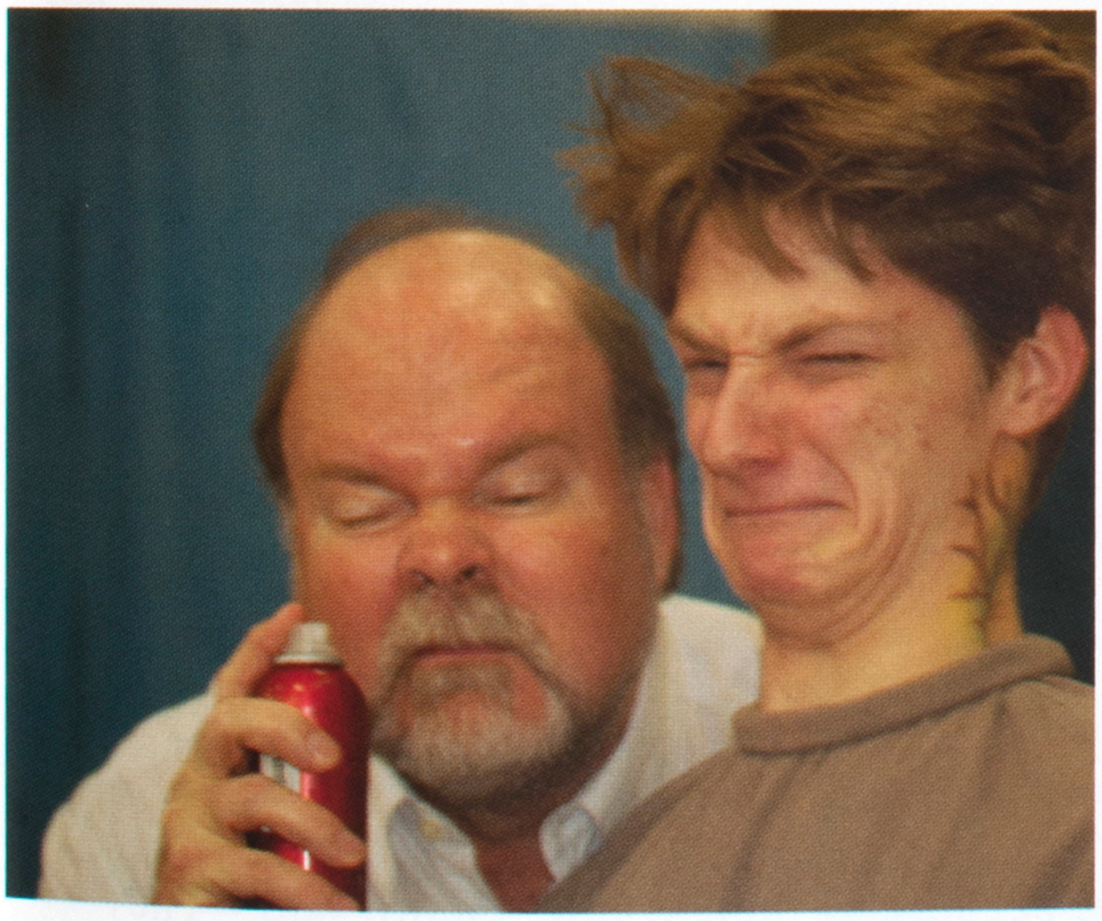


Clockwise: U-High Speech Team laugh it up during high energy warm-ups. Assistant Coach Kristina Reyes helps Sophmore Morgan Cross prepare for the State qualifying Performance in the Round. U-High Sectional Team celebrates after winning both the Individual Events and PIR Sectional Championships. Head Coach Mark Adams explains the finer point of life to Junior Evan Swiech...hairspray. Senior Kelsey Larson shocked at the outcome of the awards ceremony.
Photos By: Jess Michels and Amy Reiman











"Speech was a fantastic experience. It gave me the chance to step out of my comfort zone and be a part of the tight-knit speechie family," said Marissa Diekhoff

Date	Team	Results
11/15/10	BHS	W
12/02/10	Rantoul	W
12/13/10	Eureka	W
12/29/10	Peoria Richwoods	L
01/06/11	Prarie Central	W
01/10/11	Kankakee McNamara	L
01/17/11	Champaign Centennial	L
01/27/11	Olympia	W
01/29/11	Peoria Richwoods	L
02/05/11	Lincoln	W
02/07/11	Pontiac	W
02/12/11	Mahomet-Seymour	W

*Away games: 9 wins, 9 losses





Clockwise: Junior Cheyenne Bowers watches her shot fall. Juniors Tatyana Peck, Cheyenne Bowers, and Jordan Armstrong defend on an inbound play. Coach Sellers gives advice during a time-out. Freshmen Tori Doubet, Emma Stroyan, Junior Cheyenne Bowers, and Senior Mia Hartung defend against Peoria Richwoods. The girls basketball team huddles around Coach Sellers during a timeout. Photos by: Jess Michels, Kelly Berryman, and Alex Parlette







Young Players Pave the Way

The 2010-2011 girls varsity basketball team soared high with a young team. Grabbing second in conference and second in intercity behind Central Catholic, this year was mainly a rebuilding year. Although the team did not get as far in the season as they wanted to, they remained a close group despite the age range.

Maturing was a focus this year with only one senior to lead the way. Senior Mia Hartung said although she didn't have much in common with others, it helped in the long run.

"I felt outnumbered every practice but it helped me grow as a person, and a player," Hartung said.

Growing as a player showed as the senior went to state in the three point contest. Hartung said it felt good to finish her high school basketball career on such a high note.

"It was really awesome to be able to get to state in something my last year at U-High," Hartung said.

Head coach Laura Sellers said with only one senior, there was a lot left to figure out about the rest of the team, such as leaders.

"I liked how we had the majority of the players returning so those players knew what to expect for practice," Sellers said. "But creating the right expectations and figuring out who the leaders were going to be was still a challenge."

Freshman Destiny Ramsey said being on varsity has helped her to improve a lot.

"Playing on varsity was a great experience, especially getting to know all of the players," Ramsey said. "I love playing with people bigger and stronger than me because it makes me more aggressive."

Head athletic director Wendy Smith said she thinks the girls' basketball team has the potential to perform better next year.

"I expect to see them improve in the next couple years because of their youth," Smith said. "They were very good in their conference and had a pretty tough non conference schedule."

By Kelly Berryman and Ellie Sloneker

Pioneers Gain Experience

With a rich history in basketball, this year the U-High boys' basketball team looked to return as a leader fighting with Mahomet-Seymour and Central Catholic for superiority in the Corn Belt conference.

Senior Tanner Russell said that this year an emphasis was put on the post game and height as 5 players were all 6 ft. 4 or taller. The team goal was to win conference, but also to go deep into the post season.

The Pioneers started off the year on possibly the biggest stage they would compete on all season, the Shirk Center at Illinois Wesleyan, for the Intercity tournament. They would play Bloomington, Normal, Central Catholic, and then Normal West for the first 4 games of the season. As the team got closer to their first game of the season against Bloomington High School, the anticipation did nothing but build as the team was going to play their first game of the year in front of a big crowd.

"Even though there was a really short time between our first practice and our first game, the team was really excited to play the first game," junior Bryn Agnew said.

With victories against Central and West, the Pioneers finished Intercity with a record of 2-2.

As the season went on, the Pioneers ended up 10-4 in conference and ended up 14-14 as they struggled in their non-conference play.

Russell said he was satisfied with the team's conference play, but the non-conference games really hurt them.

"I think whenever we played a conference game, we were pretty optimistic about beating our opponent," Russell said. "But whenever we had a non-conference game, you could tell a different angle was taken towards preparing for the games."

The Pioneers ended up 4-10 in their non-conference games, the inverse of their conference record which was 10-4. The Pioneers went to win their first regional game against their conference rivals the Pontiac Indians, but went on to lose their second round game against the Washington Panthers.

Senior Cam Ceyte-Papon said he is optimistic about next year.

"We have a lot of potential on our team and putting it all together is going to be key to having a good season next year," said Ceyte-Papon.

By Tyler Scott





Clockwise: The boys basketball team assembles for the pre-game lineup. Junior Kyle Morris waits for the game to resume. Sophomore Nick Shroeder and Junior Kurtis Ellis guard the hoop against Bloomington High School.
Photos by: Jess Michels and Kelly Berryman

Date	Team	Results
12/3/10	Rantoul	W
12/4/10	East Peoria	W
12/7/10	Prarie Central	W
12/10/10	Eureka	W
1/4/11	Olympia	W
1/7/11	Mahomet-Seymour	L
1/15/11	Pontiac	W
1/18/11	Prarie Central	L
1/21/11	Rantoul	w
1/28/11	Eureka	W
1/29/11	Danville	L
2/4/11	Olympia	W
2/8/11	Mahomet-Seymour	L
2/11/11	Pontiac	W
2/12/11	Morton	L
2/18/11	CCHS	L
2/22/11	Washington	L
2/25/11	Richwoods	L
2/28/11	Pontiac	W
3/1/11	Washington	L

The Sounds of Winter

An international spirit was present at the annual Winter Concert held at ISU's Braden Auditorium, where U-High musicians gathered on a cold night well-suited for the occasion.

The concert began with a performance by Orchestra that set the stage for the evening's show with four Romanian dances from a variety of genres composed by Bela Bartok.

Following Orchestra, U-High's resident all-boys a cappella group, Fifth Step, performed the song "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by 70s rock band, Queen, a song choice that certainly stood out from the assortment of songs performed on the night.

"Once we heard the song we decided, yes, we are definitely doing this song," senior Brian Tanaka said.

Senior James Love said that the group rehearsed regularly during the buildup to the concert.

"We practiced at least two times a week and once the concert got closer, we practiced more," Love said.

"That was the most prepared we've ever been for a concert," Tanaka said.

While the group had been preparing for the song's performance well in advance of the show, the introduction was rather improvised.

"We didn't know the intro until the day of the concert," Love said. "It was easier because we wanted to do an intro that was the easiest and fastest to learn."

The treble choir, composed entirely of girls, sang a collection of songs that included an Italian piece called "Ricevete" by Mozart. The girls finished off their performance with a pair of crowd-pleasing solos from junior Caila Brander and senior Kelly Berryman during the song "Like a Tree."

Berryman said she felt comforted by the fact she would be doing her solo alongside Brander.

"It was my first solo," Berryman said. "It was a little nerve-racking. Since I did my solo with Caila Brander, it wasn't as bad."

The international flavor of the night's show came to a head when Concert Choir took the stage. Three of the five songs during their program were performed in the languages of Latin, Italian, and French.

Tanaka said that the songs were among the most demanding Concert Choir members had ever performed.

"This specific concert was challenging for Concert Choir because two of the songs were collegiate level or above," Tanaka said.

Tanaka himself also had a demanding night that saw him perform with four of the seven groups over the course of the night's performance.

"It's very hectic and I pretty much have to do it for every concert," Tanaka said. "But when the concert gets going, it goes very smoothly."

The evening came to a close with Concert Band's patriotic performance of a number by John Phillip Sousa called "The Black Troop March." The up-tempo song brought the concert to a conclusion with a distinctly American sound one would expect to hear being performed by a marching band at a Fourth of July parade. For a night that was highlighted by performances of foreign compositions, the show ended on a particularly familiar note.

By Austin Monteith

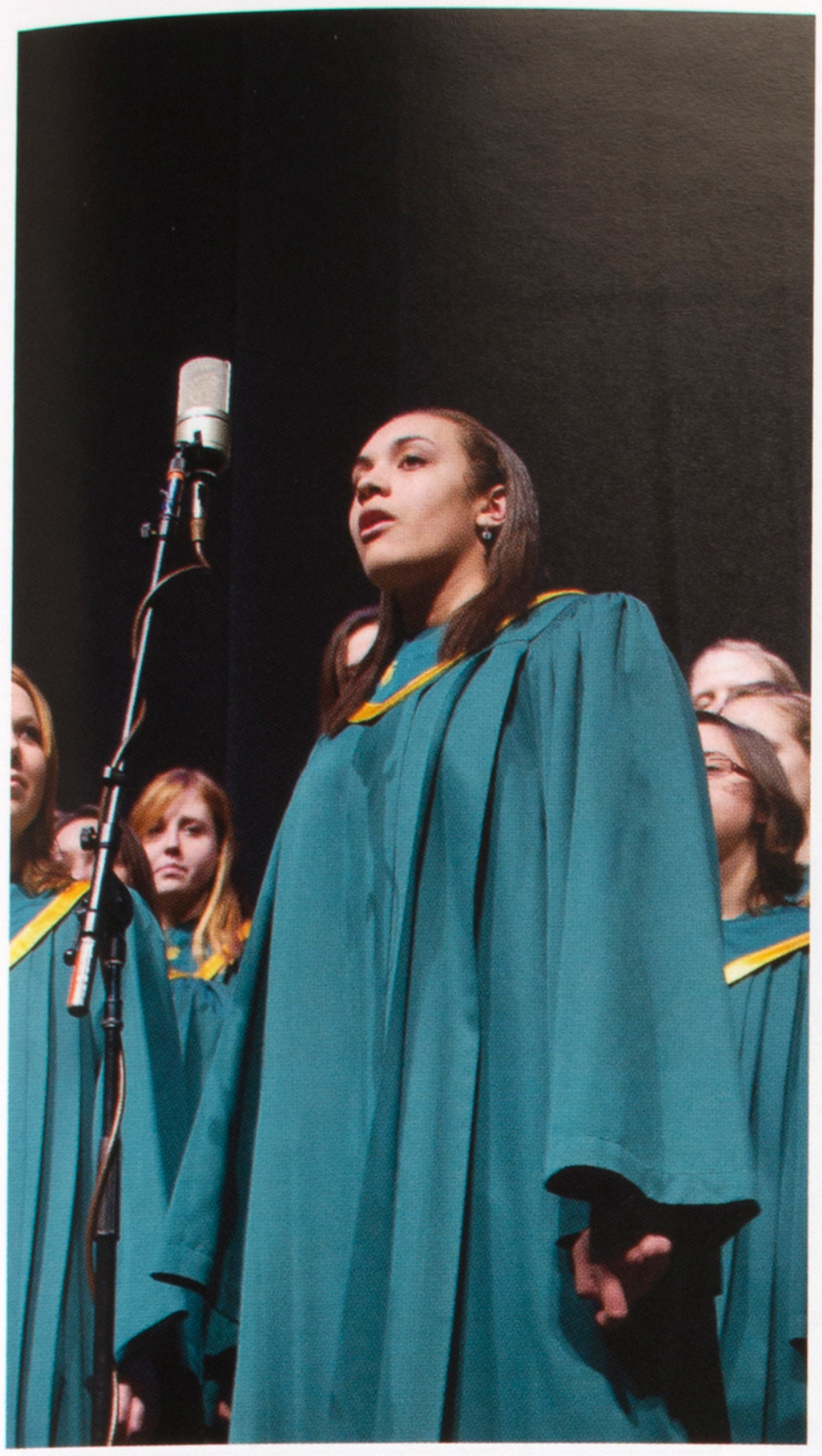


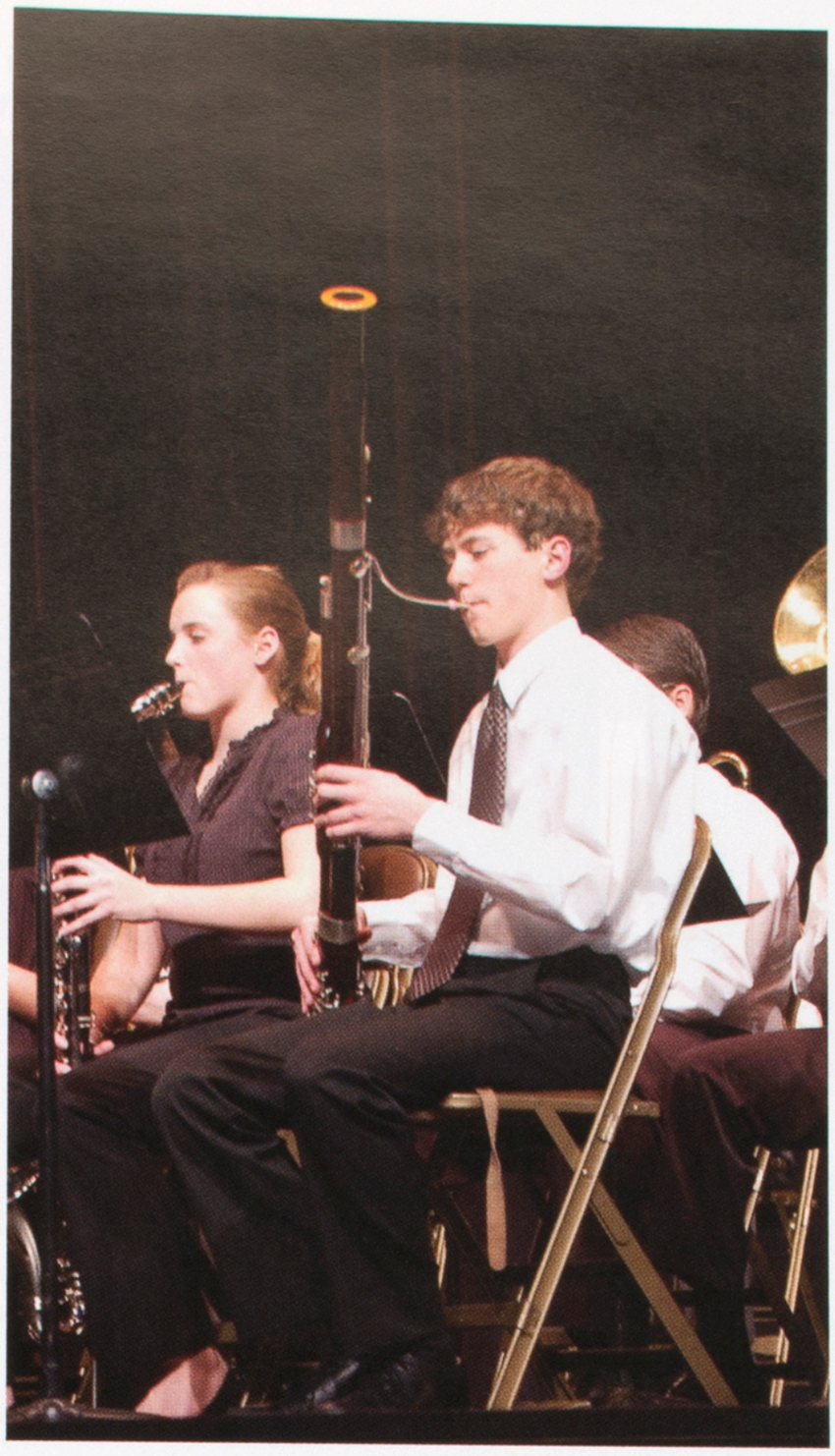






Clockwise: The trumpeters play during the Winter Concert, senior Ben Henderson and sophomore Francis Favis play percussion, the male section of U-High's Concert Choir harmonizes during their performance, and the orchestra plucks away at their violins.





Clockwise: Senior Kelly Berryman sings a solo, senior Sam Mueting plays a bassoon during the Winter concert, boys a capella group Fifth Step sings "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love," girls from Concert Choir sing, Sarah Dale accompanies the choir on the piano, and Orchestra teacher Margot Ehrlich conducts the orchestra from her podium.
Photos by: Alex Parlette and Kelly Berryman

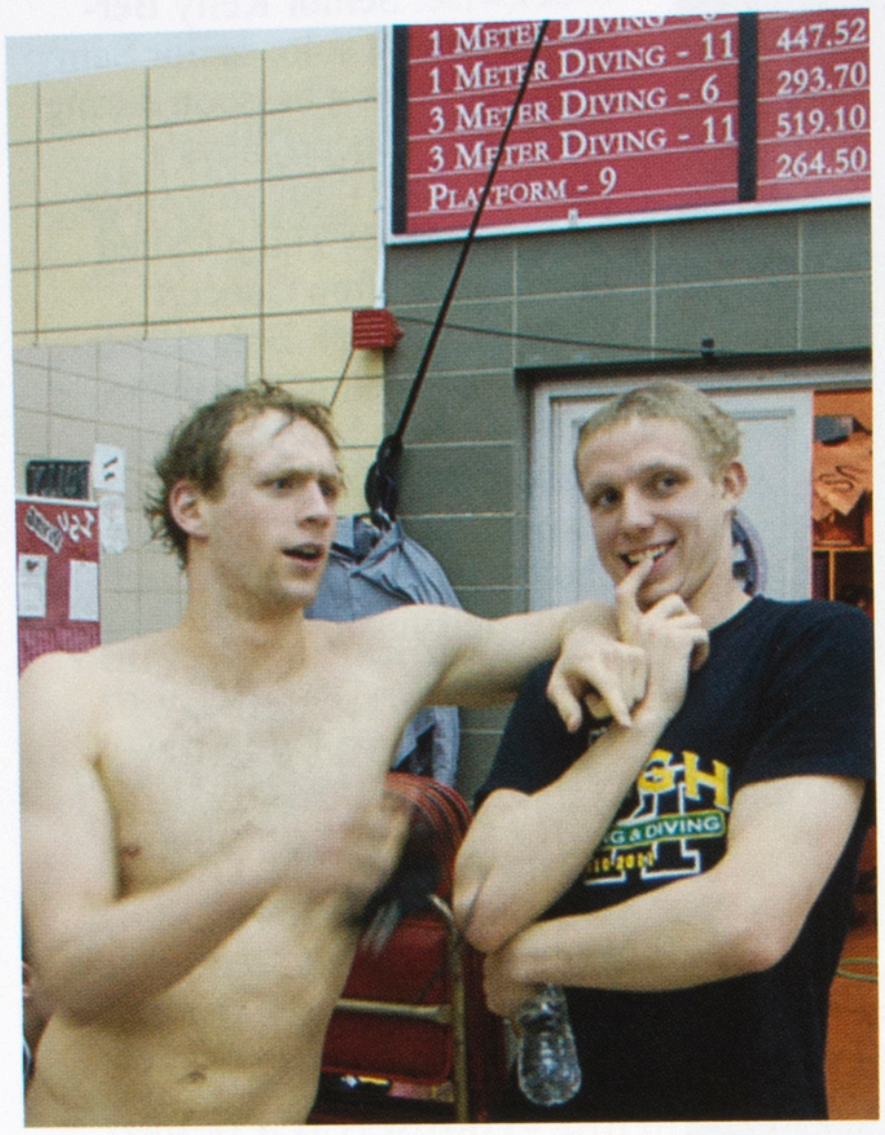
"Music isn't something you can just get up on stage and do. It takes a lot of hard work and talent to create or perform a great musical piece," senior Alex Parlette.













Clockwise: Boys' Swim team utilizes party horns in an unofficial "Battle of the Cheers" with Pekin High School during diving. Seniors John Williamson and Christian Grobe chat during a swim meet.

Diving into Success

The U-High boys' swimming and diving team treaded unfamiliar waters during the 2010-2011 season as the team reached extraordinary heights. The team managed to sum up a season with an unprecedented third place finish at state after they had gone undefeated in dual meets, winning eight competitions along the way.

The team set school and area records in the process of securing their best ever finish at state. The feat is made even more impressive by the fact swimming is only a one-class sport, meaning the team had to go up against large, Chicago-area schools with enrollments considerably larger than U-High's.

The individuals from the squad each pitched in to help with the team's effort.

Senior John Williamson took second in state in the 200 yard freestyle in 1 minute, 39.31 seconds, only finishing behind Hinsdale's Danny Thomson.

"I felt really good about my performance," Williamson said. "Beating Danny Thomson would be almost out of the question because of how fast he is."

In the 50 freestyle, Senior Zack Billingsley finished with the fourth best time of 20.98.

"I was really excited," Billingsley said. "I've been working really hard for the last few years and it felt good to have all that hard work pay off."

Williamson said that although the individual finishes were superb, the relay teams played a large role in the team's third place finish.

"All the relays did fantastic. They really stepped up and helped us get third place," Williamson said.

The 400 freestyle relay team with sophomore Cody Mitchell, junior Clayton Hamilton, Billingsley, and Williamson set an area record with their time of 3:06.13, bringing them a third place finish.

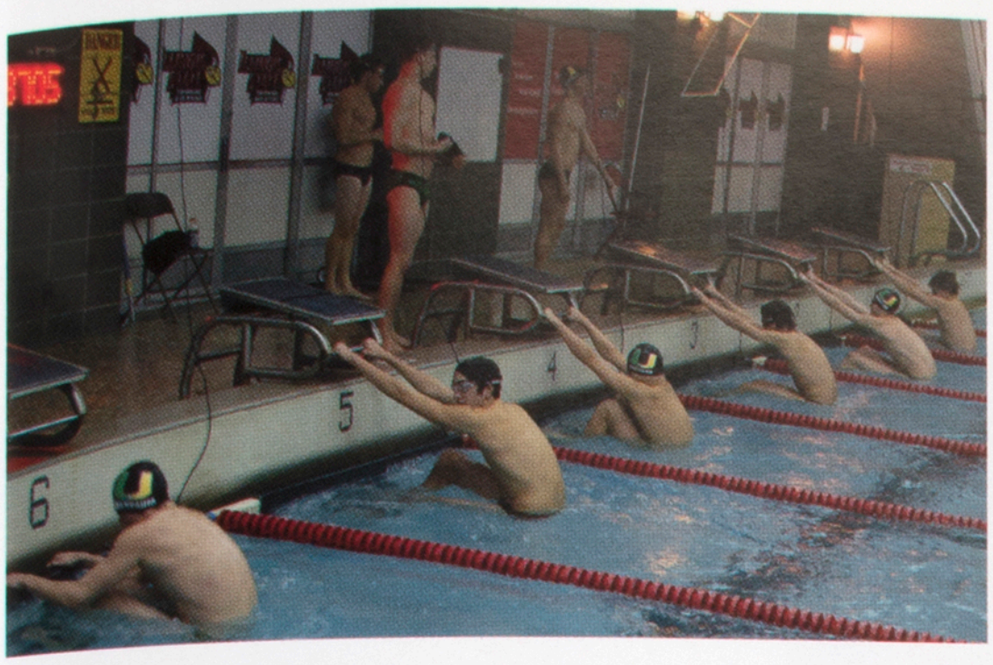
The same group of four also finished fourth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:25.07. The 200 medley relay team with junior BJ Koebel, senior Christian Grobe, Mitchell, and Billingsley also took fourth place with a time of 1:34.18.

At the end of the weekend, the team took home third place, the best overall finish at state in school history.

"Holding up the third place trophy was an amazing moment," Billingsley said.

"The whole team went crazy when we found we got third," Williamson said. "It's a great feeling because the whole team worked together and it was really a great effort."

By Austin Monteith





Far left: U-High swimmers prepare to swim the backstroke. Left: Senior Zack Billingsley gets ready for a relay exchange. Below: Senior Mitchell Houska and senior John Williamson having a particularly intriguing conversation with several teammates.

Date	Team	Results
12/7/10	Champaign Central	W
12/11/10	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	3rd
12/14/10	Urbana	W
12/18/10	Richwoods Invite	3rd
1/2/11	Waubonsie Pentathalon	1st
1/8/11	Champaign Centennial Invite	2nd
1/11/11	Pekin	W
1/15/11	Peoria Notre Dame	W
1/20/11	Pontiac	W
1/25/11	Intercity	1st
2/5/11	Byron Invite	1st
2/20/11	Sectionals	2nd
2/24/11	State	3rd









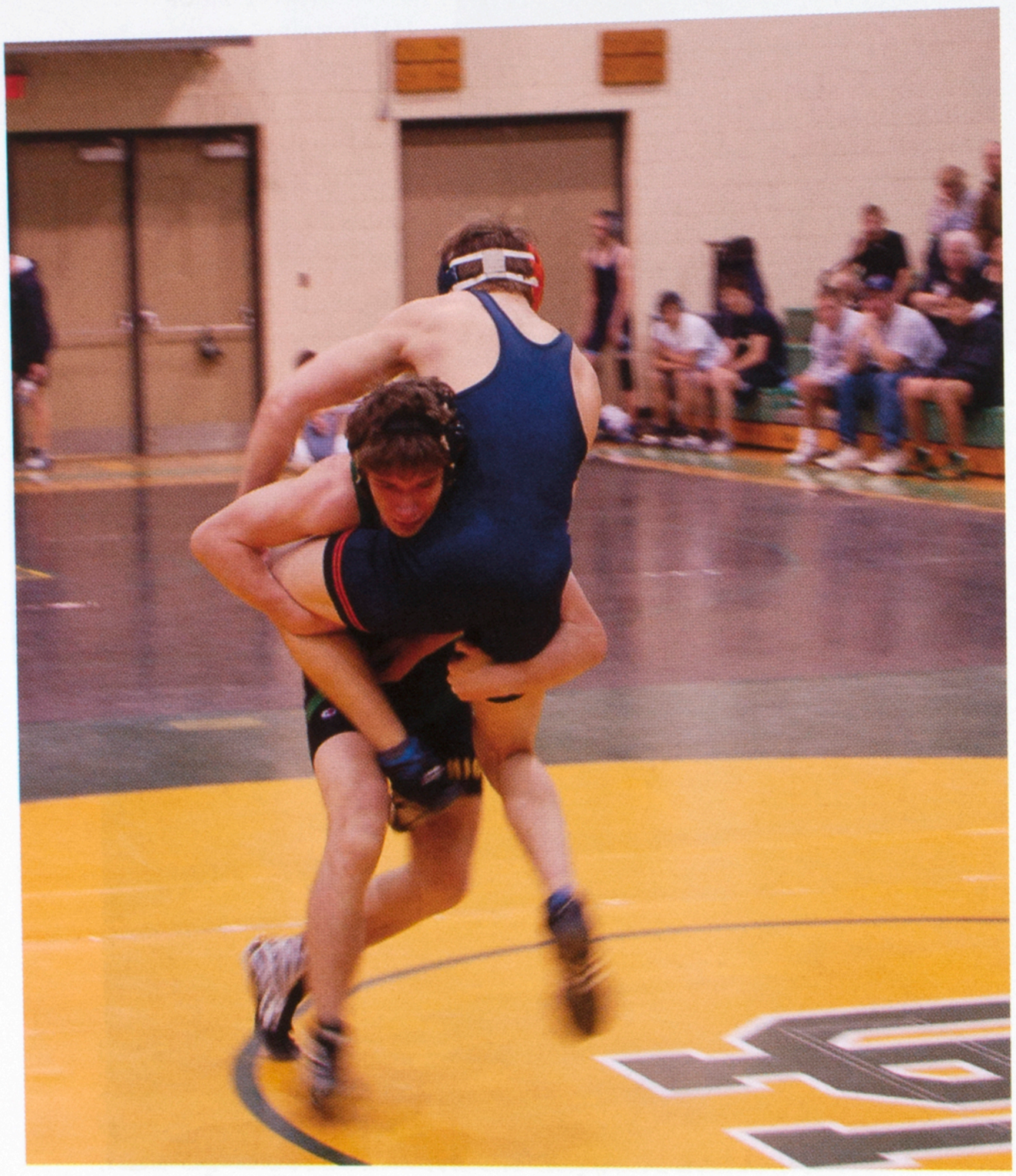


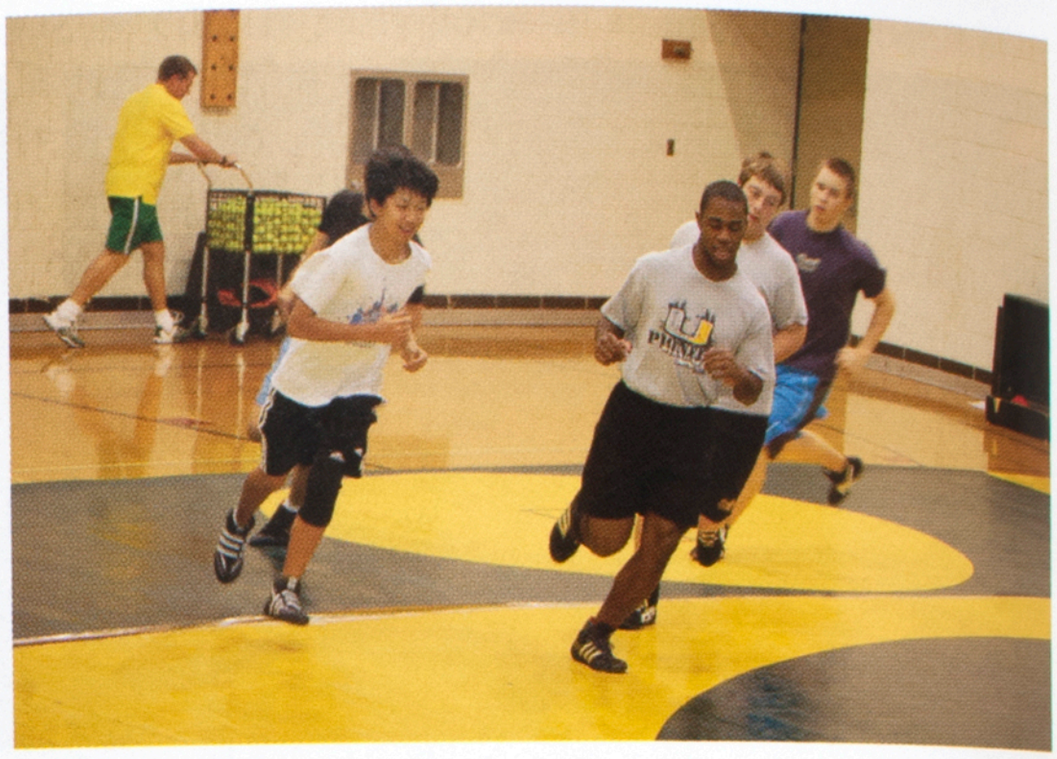
Above: Freshman Chad Rosenbaum tearing it up in the 100 backstroke. Right: Senior John Williamson finishes strong in the backstroke.

Photos by: Joel Gebhardt and Ellie Sloneker

Top: Tensions run high as the swim team watches their teammates. Above: Sophomore Brandis Heffner enters the pool with an inward dive.

Clockwise: Wrestlers run during warm ups at practice. The team is hard at work during practice. Senior Mikel Zaitzeff takes down Pontiac's Lanning during a 135 pound bout.







Trio of Seniors Leave Their Mark

For the three seniors on the U-High wrestling team, wrestling became a way of life during the last four winters. Having to make weight, run, and practice for hours each day had become a habit for them.

This year coach Mike Troll was posed with a challenge.

"Depth hurts," Troll said. "We're split in half between experienced versus non-experienced wrestlers. We have several first years and then we also have state qualifiers in the same room," Troll said.

Two of the returning seniors had impressive resumes at the beginning of the season. Olsen was a 30+ match winner, Mikel Zaitzeff a 20+ match winner.

The last of the returning seniors, Michael Kull, was a first time starter this season.

"I was excited about this year's wrestling season because it was my senior year, and I got to be a leader and leave my mark," Kull said.

Coach Troll said he was also excited about watching Kull through the season.

"Kull had always been 2nd," Troll said. "This season he got his chance. I enjoyed watching him through the season and am proud of how well he did."

Zaitzeff could not wrestle at regionals due to a concussion that ended his season. Olsen was unable to make weight and both of their seasons were cut short.

"It was hard to cut the extra weight in a short period of time," Olsen said. "I did everything I could to cut the weight but in the end I just couldn't do it."

While Olsen and Zaitzeff were out, the last of the trio of seniors almost worked his way to state.

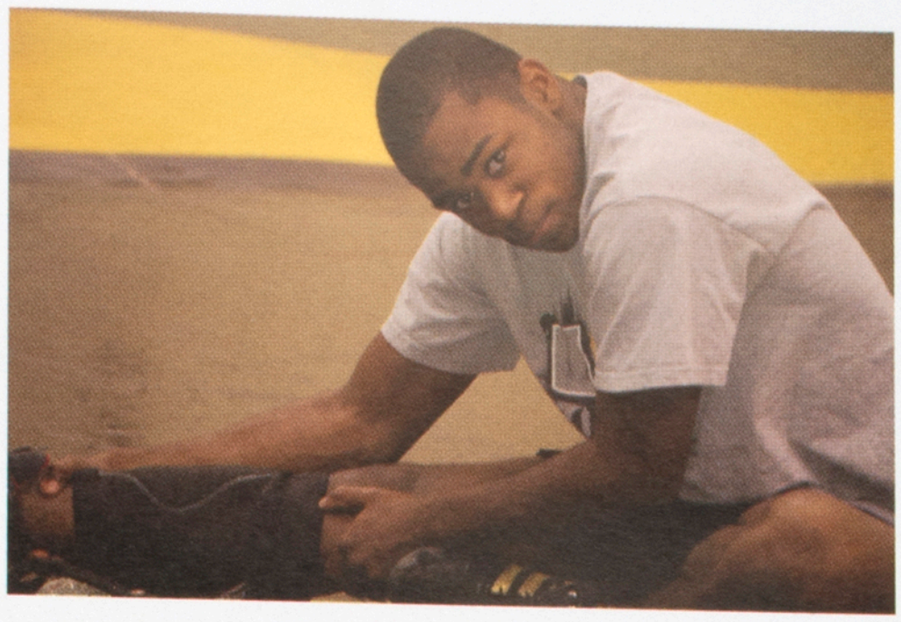
First year starter Michael Kull lost the last match that would have led him to the state tournament.

"I gave it my all, all season long and in the end it paid off for me I was really happy with how it turned out," Kull said. "I really would have liked to have made it to state, but to make it as far as I did as a first year starter was awesome."

At the end of the season, Olsen left his mark on the program when he was selected All-Conference at 171 pounds.

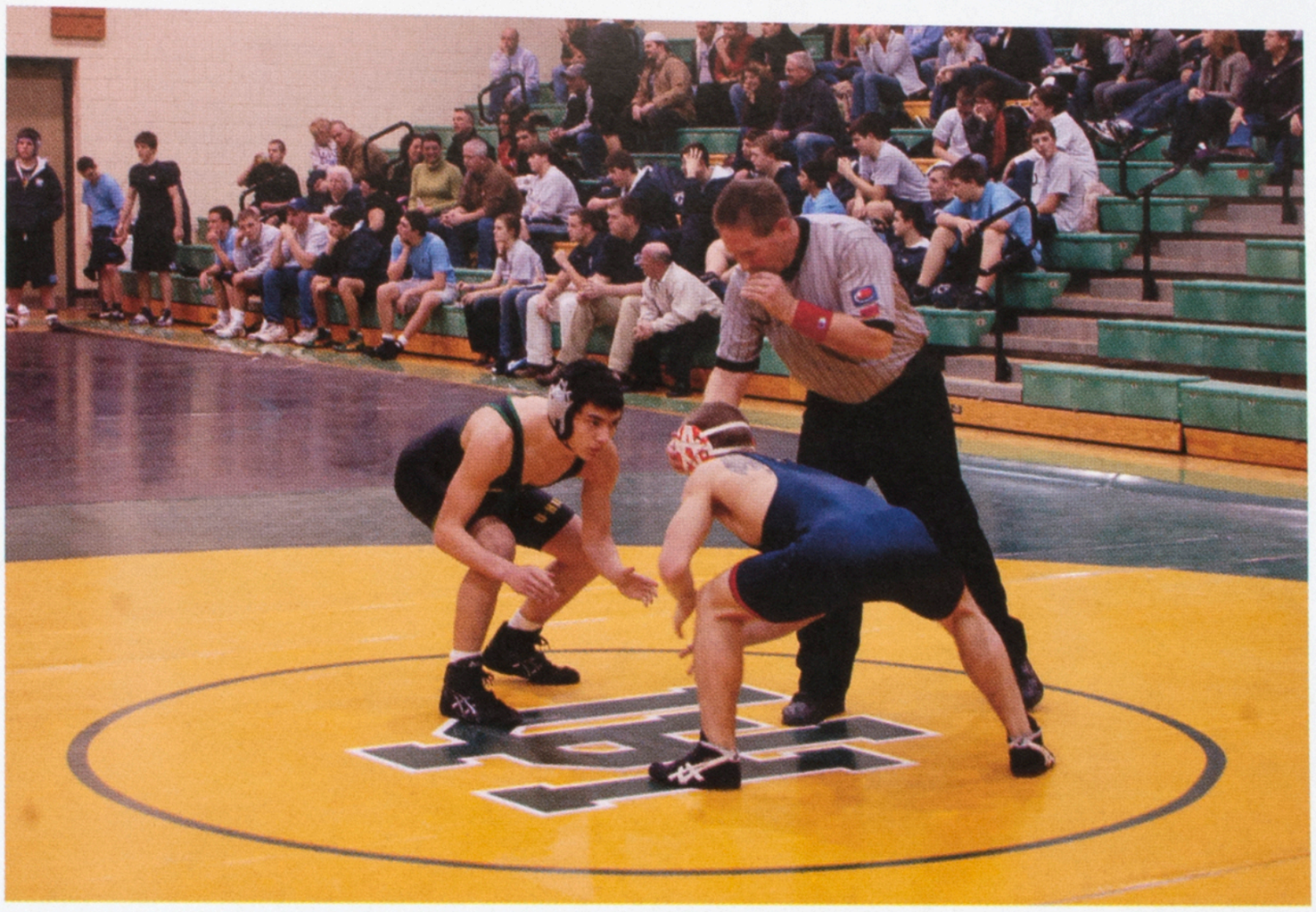
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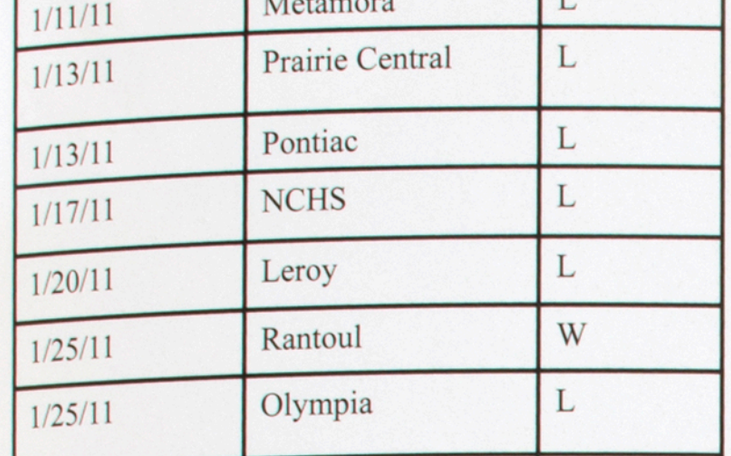
Date	Team	Results
11/23/10	Pekin	L
11/27/10	Edwardsville	L
12/4/11	Midwest Central	W
12/10/10	Quincy	L
12/10/10	Canton	L
12/14/10	NCWHS	L
12/18/10	BHS	L
12/30/10	Eureka	L
1/6/11	Mahomet	L
1/11/11	Metamora	L
1/13/11	Prairie Central	L
1/13/11	Pontiac	L
1/17/11	NCHS	L
1/20/11	Leroy	L
1/25/11	Rantoul	W
1/25/11	Olympia	L
1/29/11	Peoria Heights	W
1/29/11	Illini Bluffs	L



Left: Freshman Cedric Wilder stretches out before practice.

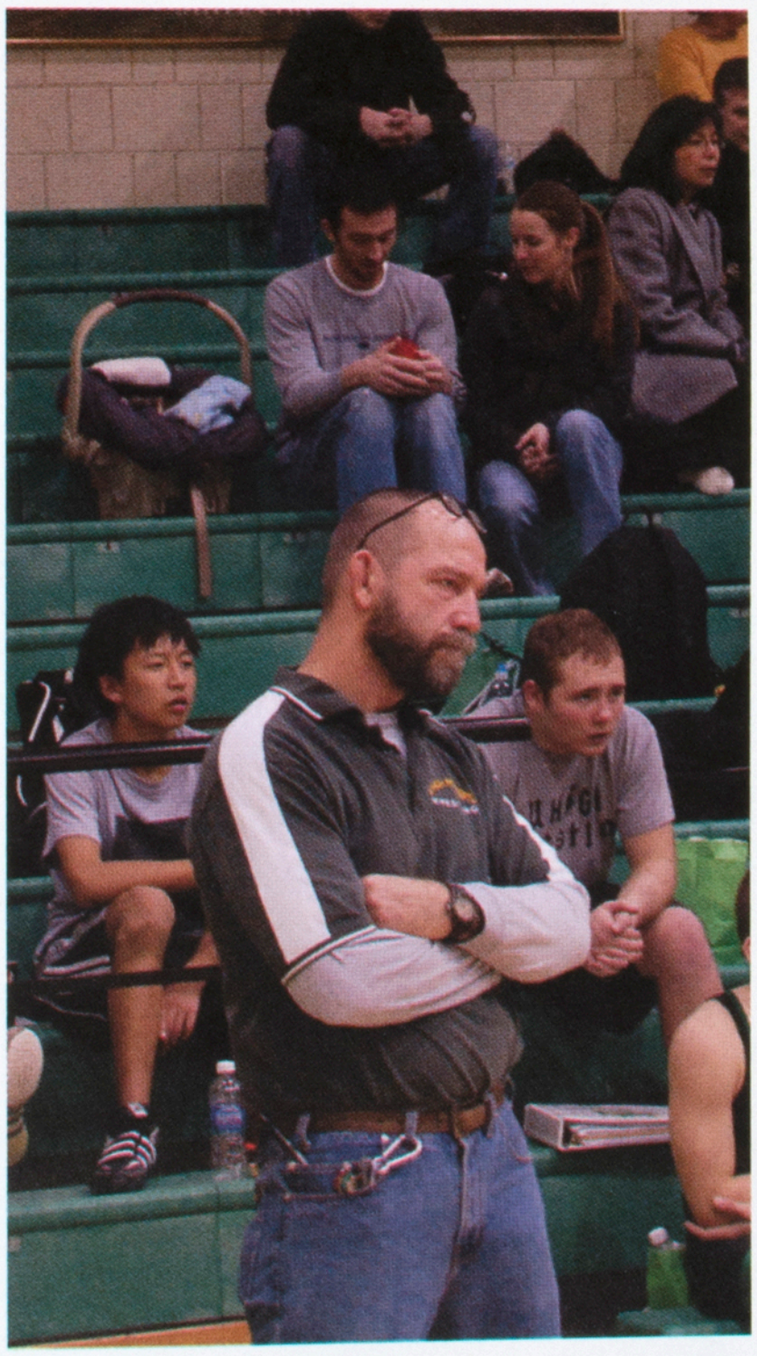
"It's hard to wrestle when your mind is in different places. You have to be completely focused on you and only you," said Kyle Olsen.

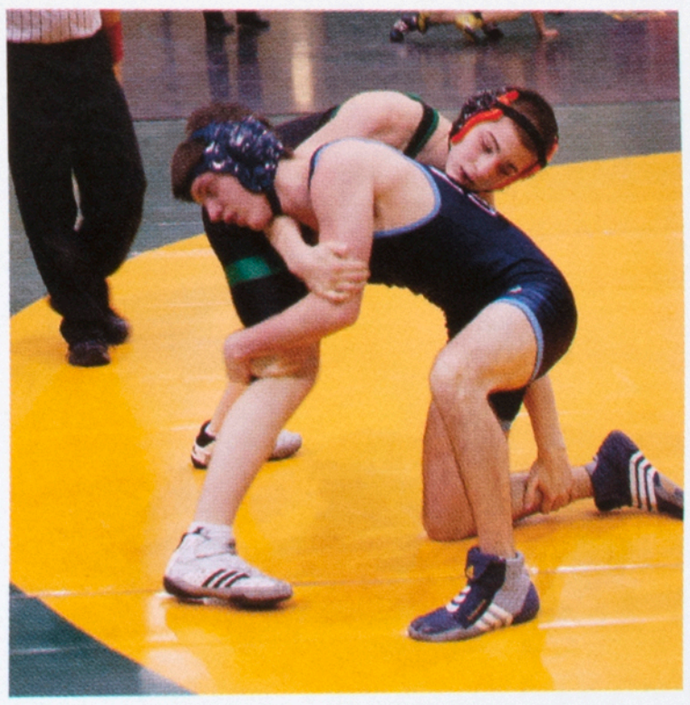




Above: Sophomore Ryan Matchett prepares for practice.
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"As a team, we did very well this year and accomplished our goals," said Ryan Matchett.

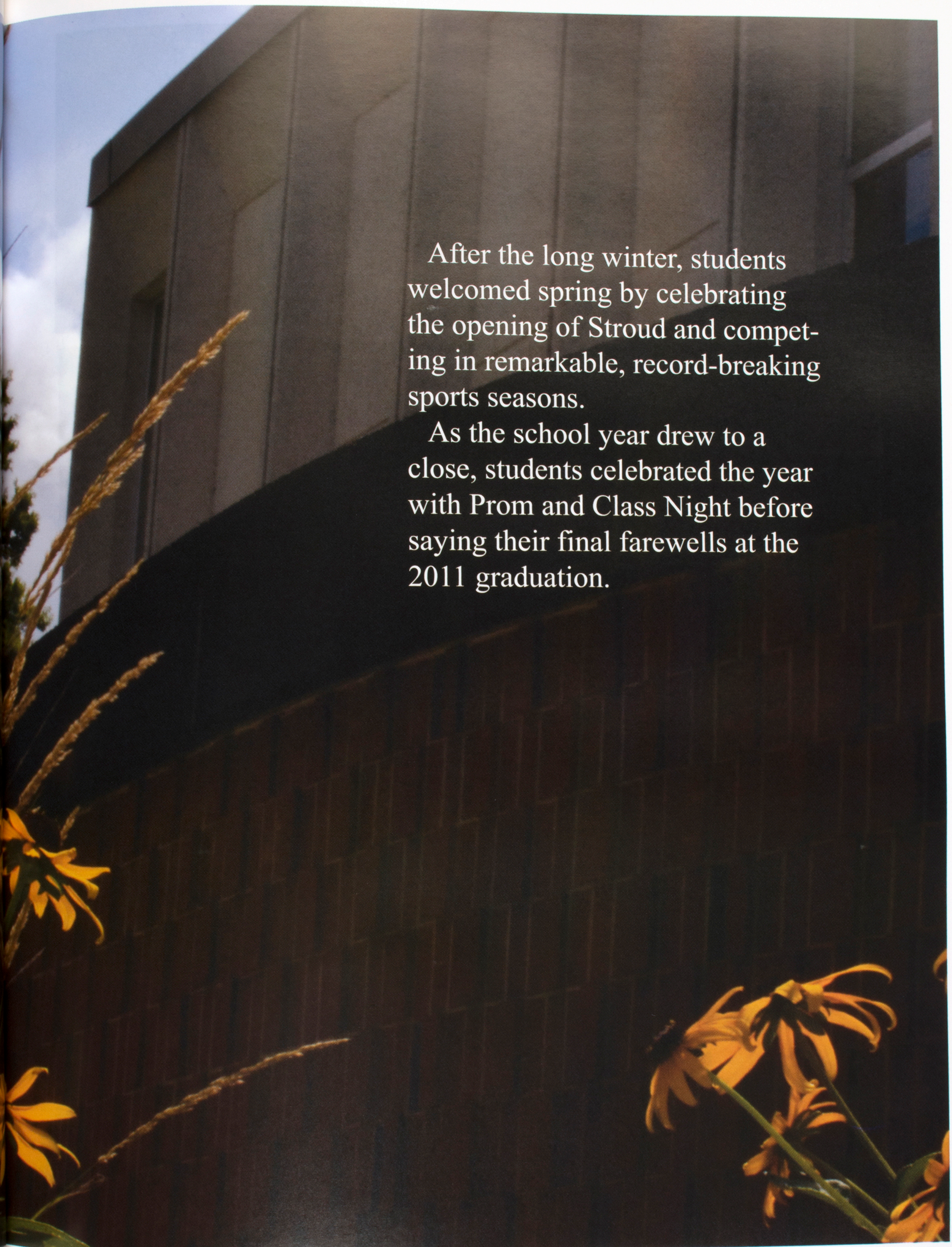




Clockwise: Junior Steve Hulett prepares to bout with a pontiac wrestler. Uhigh's freshman Korbin Anderson takes on a pontiac wrestler. Coach Troll watches a match at home.

"Wrestling takes heart and commitment; something we all had," said Evan Weaver.


Spring...

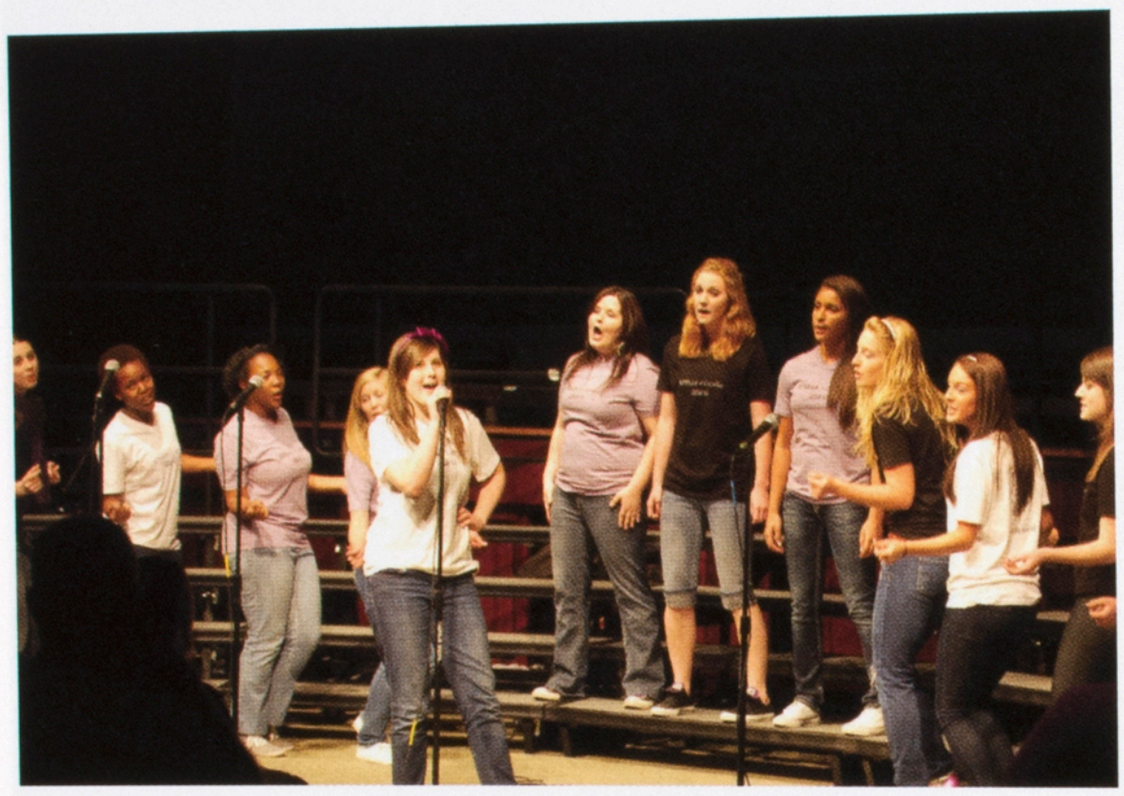


After the long winter, students welcomed spring by celebrating the opening of Stroud and competing in remarkable, record-breaking sports seasons.

As the school year drew to a close, students celebrated the year with Prom and Class Night before saying their final farewells at the 2011 graduation.

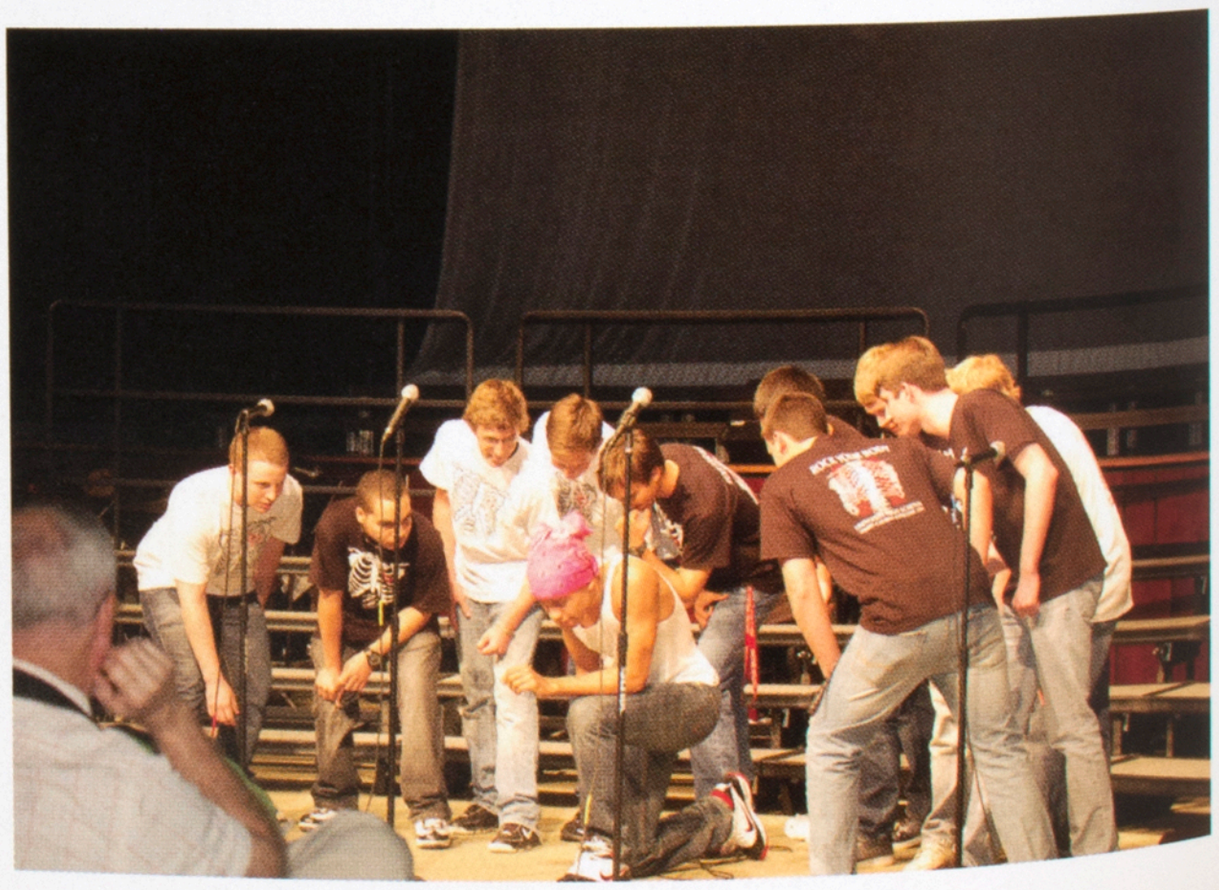
Clockwise: Family and friends of U-High settle into the newly renovated Stroud Auditorium. U-High communications coordinator John Larson supervises as sophomore Bailey McNulty works the sound board in Stroud. U-High's male a capella group, Fifth-Step, says goodbye to another great year in the Spring Concert. Junior David Hepler mans the fly system in preparation for Class Night. U-High's female a capella group, Stella A Capella, celebrates their first and last performance in Stroud for the 2010-2011 school year. Photos By: Jess Michels, Amy Reiman, Samantha Walker and courtesy of: Susan Thetard and Terri Dawson.



















Stroud Gets a New Look

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On March 18, 2011 U-High students settled into Stroud for an assembly, but something was missing: no chorus of squeaky rusting chairs, and certainly no uncomfortable springs poking up at them through the array of yellow, green, and everything in between colored cloth.

With each class in their designated section the assembly began with a short slide show of old photos of Stroud that some students were not familiar with.

"I don't really remember what the inside of Stroud looked like before," freshman Kenzie Taylor said.

During the slide show, upperclassmen were reminded of the previous conditions of Stroud and reveled in the new up-to-date appearance of U-High's new auditorium.

"It was nice to look up and not see a white ceiling with black spots all over it; the cat walks look great," junior Katie Lane said.

The long process of remodeling Stroud took nearly two years and this process was not without its share of mishaps.

"Asbestos was the biggie, it was the main reason we had to do all of this, it was everywhere, even the electric, and it had to go," theater director and English teacher Susan Thetard said.

Other construction obstacles pushed back the end date more than two months due to bad weather.

"After placing the steel beams in the ceiling, we needed three days of above freezing weather to charge the system, but with Illinois' winter, we knew that wasn't going to happen right away," tech director Terri Dawson said.

New seats, catwalks, and an entirely new sound system are only a few of the new additions to Stroud.

Thetard was quick to remind students that though the bulk of the construction is done, Stroud still could use some improvements.

"We hope to get an entirely new fly system, and replace some of the curtains that have started to dry rot," Thetard said.

The Gala Debut show for Stroud's reopening was Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Phantom of the Opera," and it was hard to find an open seat.

Nearly 100 U-High students in the cast, crew, and orchestra banded together to put on what turned out to be a great show.

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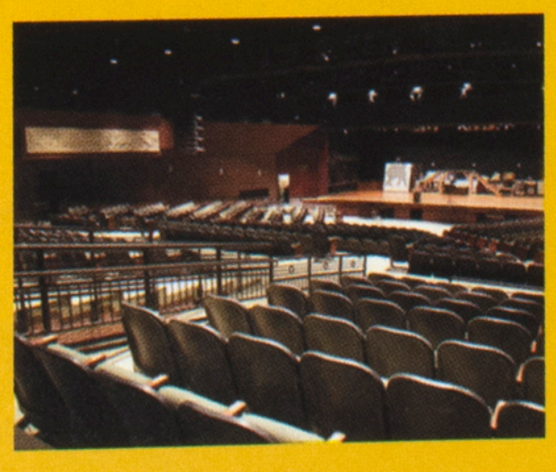
The Music Department also helped to test out the new and improved acoustics as each held their respective concerts while the seniors celebrated their last concerts of high school.

"It was great to be back in Stroud for the end of my senior year, it brought back so many great memories from freshman and sophomore year," senior Katie Newport said.

By Jess Michels



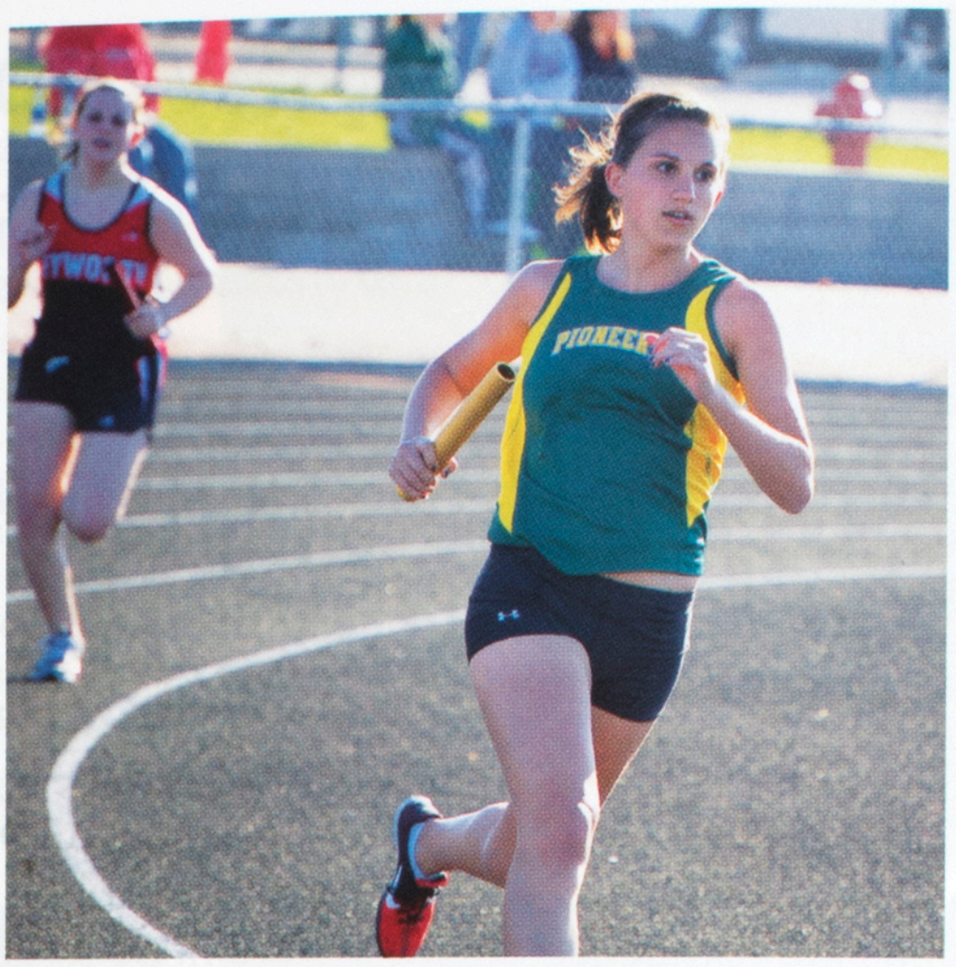




Left to Right: Stroud went through a nearly two-year long process as it evolved from the the nearly falling apart space into this beautiful new auditorium.

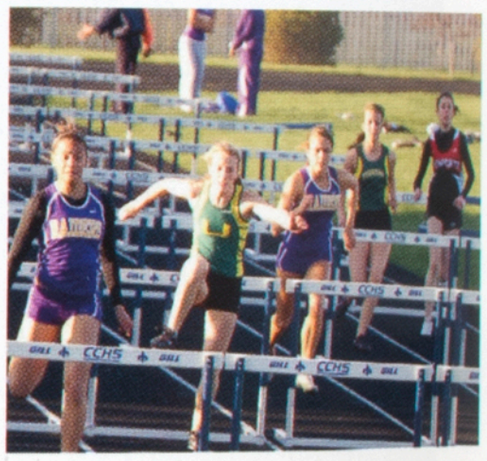
Date	Team	Results
3/5/2011	U-High Invite hosted by ISU	N/A
3/16/2011	Normal West Invite at IWU	N/A
3/26/2011	Cogdal Relays	N/A
3/26/2011	Illinois Prep Top Times	N/A
4/9/2011	Springfield South-east Invite	7th/15
4/12/2011	Central Catholic Midweek Invite	N/A
4/12/2011	Olympia Quad	4th/4
4/18/2011	Bloomington Invite	6th/14
4/25/2011	Intercity	2nd/5
4/28/2011	Urbana Invite at Centennial	2nd/13
5/3/2011	F/S Conference	4th/8
5/6/2011	Varsity Conference	2nd/8

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Clockwise: Senior Kambria Vance completes her third long jump at Central Catholic. Senior Liz Composto places 2nd in the 100m hurdles. Seniors Kelsey Emmert and Emily Bugg and Freshman Sydney Billingsley gear up for their race. Sophomore Morgan Cross starts off strong in U-High's 4x800m. Photos By: Jess Michels

A Record Breaking Year

Senior Emily Clay has had many accomplishments during her high school track season, and tying for the meet record in pole vault at Illinois Prep Top Times on Saturday, March 26 with a jump of 12'6.75" is one of them. In addition to her school and indoor state records in pole vault, Clay also currently holds the school record for the 3200m run, with a time of 11:24.

Clay, who won state in pole vault as a sophomore and finished second as a junior, said that she was happy to get the indoor state record, but it wasn't a huge milestone.

"I wasn't crazy happy, because I have gone 12'6" 12 times, but it's nice to be consistent because that's when the higher heights come," Clay said.

As an all state cross country runner, distance running is familiar territory for Clay. However, having never run distance events for track, Clay said she is excited to see what she is capable of.

"My plan for this season was just to do as many events as I could," Clay said. "I wanted to see what I'm capable of."

Freshman Sydney Billingsley, who has the school record in the 1600m run with a time of 5:10.17, said that it is great to be able to train with Clay.

"I train with her some days, whenever she's not doing pole vault," Billingsley said. "It's motivation to be able to run with someone who runs similar times as you."

Clay, who also has the second fastest time in school history for the 1600m run with a time of 5:12.68, said she was happy that she ran a school record in the 3200m run at this point in the season.

"A PR is always a good thing, but I always think I can do more, though," Clay said. "We have just gotten farther along in our season, and times are starting to drop. I think I still have a lot of room for improvement."

Clay, who plans to run cross country and track at University of Cincinnati on an 80% athletic scholarship, has goals of running 5:05 in the mile and jumping 13'3" in pole vault by the end of the season.

"I like to set goals and make them high," Clay said. "I think we have a lot of talent and can bring a lot of girls down to state this year. I'm excited to see how the rest of the season plays out."

By Jordan Kilhoffer

Senior Sprints to Success

On Saturday, April 9 excitement was in the air at the Metamora Invite when senior CJ Hamilton broke the 16-year-old record in the 400M dash, running a 49.5.

Hamilton, who is planning to run for ISU after he graduates, said that he was surprised that he was able to break the record in that race.

"I was trying to break it at that meet, but I wasn't expecting to because it was so early in the season," Hamilton said.

One of Hamilton's teammates, junior Brent Emmerson, said that as he was watching the race, he could tell that Hamilton was going to be close.

"When I saw him start, I could tell that he was going really fast and I thought that he might get the record," Emmerson said.

Hamilton said that even though he was able to get the record at this point in the season, it was still very tough to run that time.

"It wasn't an easy race," Hamilton said. "I didn't feel too good before or after the race. I was so tired after that it didn't sink in that I actually had the record until the next day. Then I was pretty pumped."

Boys track coach Lester Hampton said he wasn't surprised that Hamilton was able to get the record.

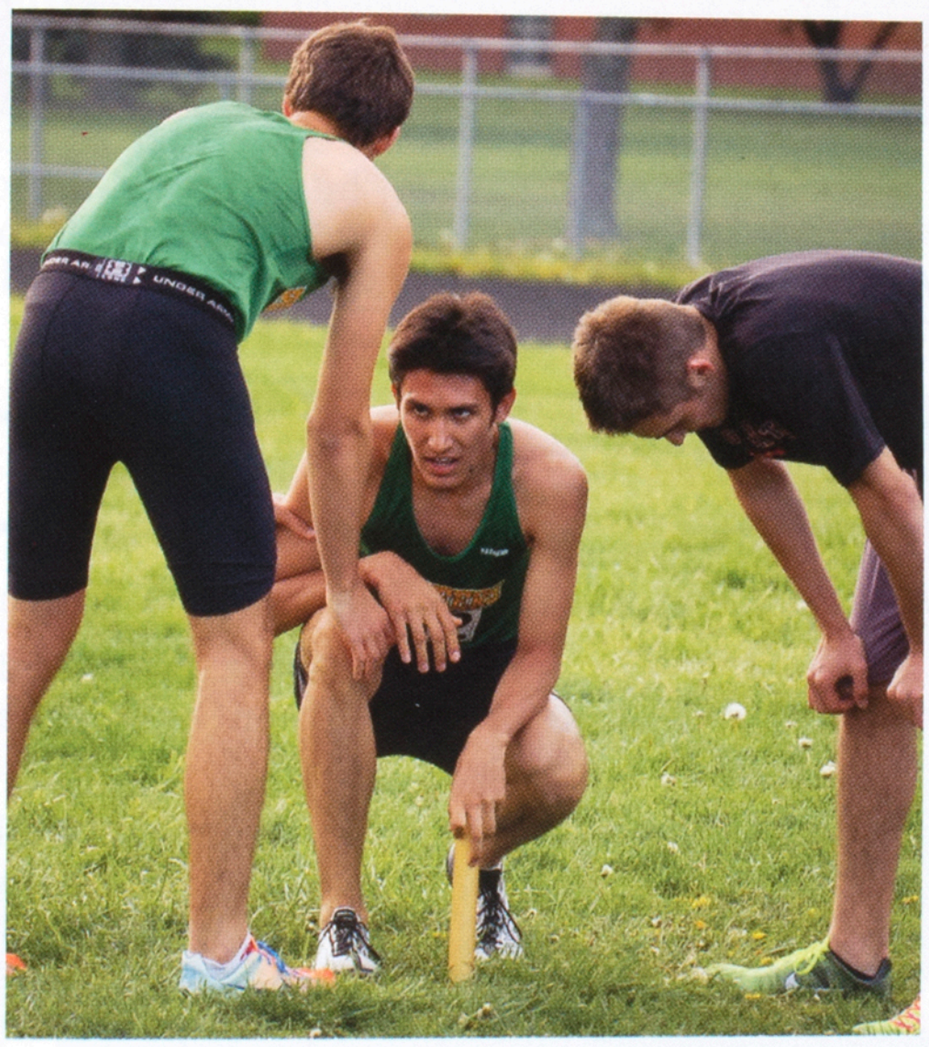
"I actually thought to myself it's about time. He's as talented as any runner I have ever coached," Hampton said. "He's such a gifted athlete, and the fact that he broke it in the first meet outdoors to me says enough."

Hamilton, also boasting PRs of 22.6 in the 200M dash and 1:57.18 in the 800M run, said he hopes to break the record in the 800M run as well as make it to state in the 800M run, 4x400M relay and 4x800M relay.

By Jordan Killhoffer

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Date	Team	Results
2/24/2011	Normal West Invite	N/A
3/5/20011	ISU Indoor Invite	N/A
3/26/2011	Cogdal Relays	N/A
3/26/2011	Indoor State, IWU	
4/9/2011	Metamora Invite	4th
4/12/2011	Central Catholic Open	2nd
4/18/2011	Springfield Lanphier Classic	4th
4/26/2011	Intercity	1st
4/29/2011	Champaign Central Invite	3rd
5/3/2011	F/S Conference	5th
5/14/2011	Mahomet-Seymour Invite	3rd
5/16/2011	NCHS School Invite	N/A
5/20/2011	Sectional, Matoon	3rd
5/26-28/2011	State	14th

Clockwise: Junior Brent Emmerson runs his leg of the relay. Junior Kyle Morris completes his last long jump. Seniors Alex Parlette, CJ Hamilton, and Jace Mortimer recover from a well-run race. Senior Luke Mays runs the 100m hurdles. Boys track team waits for their races. Seniors Ryan Rutherford and Jason Brooks along with Junior Brent Emmerson cheer on their teammates. Photos By: Alex Parlette.







Date	Team	Results
4/5/2011	Olympia	L
4/7/2011	Central Catholic	L
4/12/2011	Pontiac	L
4/14/2011	Eureka	W
4/21/2011	Mahomet	W
4/25/2011	El Paso	W
5/2/2011	Prairie Central	L
5/3/2011	Rantoul	W
5/13/2011	Clinton	W
5/16/2011	Tremont	L
5/17/2011	Streator	L
5/27/2011	Lincoln	W
5/30/2011	Bloomington	W
6/1/2011	Mahomet	W
6/4/2011	Mt. Zion	L

*Season total: 21 Wins, 16 Losses





Clockwise: Senior Melanie Goebel up to bat. Senior Mia Hartung serving as varsity short stop. Junior Shannon Stuart up to bat against Mahomet-Seymour. Freshman Lauri Riddell pitching while Senior Jane McCullough covers third. Junior Kali Riddell warms up pitching. Senior Melanie Goebel takes care of first base. Photos By: Kelly Berryman and Ellie Sloneker.









A United Team

The varsity softball team hit the season off strong with their variety of ages. The team had a nearly even spread of players from different classes with five seniors, six juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

Senior captain Danielle Warner said she has learned a lot being on a team with players of all ages.

"Being on a team with girls from each grade is really just a learning experience, we all try to learn from each other and help each other get better," Warner said. "All the seniors this year have really tried to encourage the underclassmen by setting good examples."

Head coach Mike Sondgeroth said the freshmen and sophomores are on the varsity team for a reason.

"The underclassmen are there because they have the talent and skills to play on the varsity level," Sondgeroth said. "It just adds to the competition for the positions, and makes us a better team."

Assistant coach Laura Sellers said having all four grades on a team is beneficial to everyone in different ways.

"From a player's perspective you get to know new people, and from a coach's perspective you have experience and some new, young energy," Sellers said.

Freshman Lauri Riddell said she is more comfortable playing on the team because her older sister is there to lead her.

"The players have been really welcoming and when I'm out there playing with them I don't even notice that some of these girls are three years older than me," Lauri Riddell said. "I think that it makes it easier since my sister is on the team and she's always someone who will help me out when I need it."

Junior Kali Riddell said she enjoys everyone on the team, especially her sister.

"I really like the variety of different ages we have on the team! It's nice having the older girls to be leaders, and the freshmen are really big contributors to the team," Kali Riddell said. "It's awesome having my sister on the team; she pushes me more than anyone else out there. We are each other's biggest fans, and I'm really glad she's contributing to our team's success!"

By Ellie Sloneker and Kelly Berryman

Baseball Accepts a Challenge

In fall 2010, U-High learned that they would need to find a new baseball coach as former head coach Greg Bee announced that he was stepping down. The search went on for months as the athletic directors explored the potential options for the opening.

When the search was over, the athletic administration named Jim Collins, former coach at Normal West High School, as the new head coach.

Coach Jim Collins said the transition has gone pretty smoothly.

"I think the transition has gone well. I was an assistant coach at U-High for three years with Coach Bee, so I know he had high expectations for the baseball program and our players, and so do I," Collins said.

The season got off to a good start when the Pioneers compiled a 9-4 record to begin the year, only to lose four straight games at the end of April.

"The results from an overall win-loss perspective have been a little bit mixed, but our team goals are focused on the conference and we finished the regular season portion of our conference schedule at 6-1, earning the #1 seed in the conference tournament," Collins said. "We want our program to be about more than wins and losses though, and I am very proud of the effort our players have given this season, both on and off the baseball field."

Senior Jon Ray said he feels that the transition went well but it's been tough to adjust to the changes.

"Coach Collins has different approaches to the game and practices and we have to change the way we play and think to play the way he sees the game," Ray said.

Junior Brandon Timm said he believes that the team has played really well considering some of the problems they have been facing.

"We have played really good and have been lucky a lot. We have made a lot of errors in the field but have really been hitting the ball well throughout the line up," Timm said. "We've addressed these issues in practice and are continuing to improve every day."

Collins said that the players have given a good effort despite the problems they've had.

"Our players have shown a strong work ethic all season," Collins said. "They have consistently practiced hard and played hard, and that will pay benefits for them in the future."

As of the first of May, the team had combined for seven home runs, including a grand slam by junior Jordan Stralow and multiple home runs by junior Andy Cochran.

By Tyler Scott and Trevor Dennewitz

Clockwise: Junior Jacob Hendren pitches his third strike to end the 2nd inning against Eureka. Junior Andy Cochran makes a double play. Junior Jordan Stralow makes a sacrifice bunt to advance his teammate. Varsity boys cheer on their team. Junior Tommy Schiller prepares to bat. Photos By: Jess Michels









Date	Team	Results
3/29/2011	Prairie Central	W
3/30/2011	Tremont	L
4/5/2011	Olympia	W
4/7/2011	Central Catholic	W
4/11/2011	Pontiac	W
4/14/2011	Eureka	W
4/21/2011	Mahomet Seymour	L
4/29/2011	Rantoul	W
5/3/2011	Central Catholic	L
5/5/2011	Eureka	W
5/6/2011	Rantoul	W
5/7/2011	Pontiac	W

*Season Total: 20 Wins, 13 Losses



The Phantom Comes to U-High

Stroud reopened with its first performance: "The Phantom of the Opera." Preparation for the April performance began in November.

"This year took more time than other years because we were also moving everything back into Stroud," Thespian Director Susan Thetard said. "We started working last November with designing the set and costumes. Then we started casting in December. When it got to January it was non-stop until the performances."

The Thespians knew this title was going to draw a large crowd.

"We wanted the first show back in Stroud to wow people," Thetard said. "This play had all aspects of the arts, and it was very expensive to put on. But I was so excited for the kids because it's only the third time in 15 years that we have had a full audience. There were 730 people on opening night."

The stars of the show were sophomore Jay Simmons (Phantom), and seniors Erin Smith (Christine) and Brian Tanaka (Raul). Simmons said they had a lot of fun with it.

"It was a really cool performance," Simmons said. "Not many times does a high school production have to turn away people at the door because they've reached capacity. The energy in the auditorium was really high and it enabled us to have a pretty good opening night and break in Stroud."

The four performers had to start working on their songs early and put in multiple rehearsals with vocal director Chris Corpus.

"They started before everyone else," Corpus said. "some started right away when they were casted, they put in a lot of hours with me. With all the work they put into it, they made it hard to belive it was a high school play."

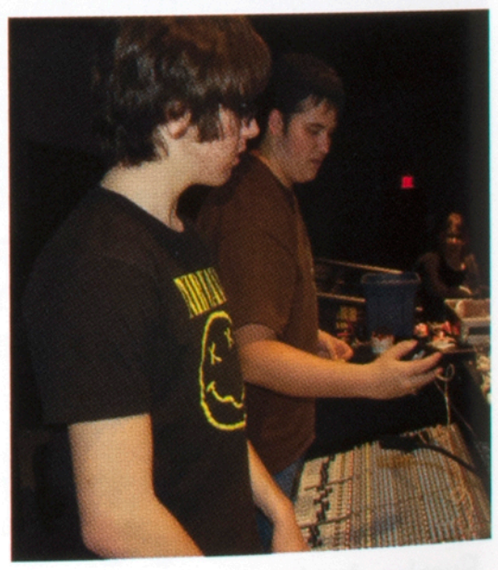
Thetard said there were so many memories it was hard to pick just one.

"Some highlights would be that the cast was fun to work with," Thetard said. "The best scene to watch be performed and practice was 'Masquerade' because it was so hard, and then there were the silly moments when building the sets."

By Alex Parlette











Clockwise: Seniors Brian Tanaka and Erin Smith along with the entire Phantom of the Opera Ensemble perform their breath taking group number, Masquerade. Senior Emma Blyth and junior Garrett Medlock take their bows in the final curtain call. Sophomore Tyler Maubach works on sound with junior Michael Friedrich. Seniors Anna Weis and Erin Smith sit while Susan Thetard and junior Asha Woods put on their wigs. Freshman Adeline Schultz and sophmore Kahlie Kilcher prepare to perform in the pit orchestra. Photos By: Sam Walker



Clockwise: Senior Marta Ayele helps senior Emma Blyth get her wig on before the show. Tech Director Terri Dawson and Pit Conductor Jason Landes iron out a few details before opening night. Senior Katie Newport and junior Adam Przybylski finish up the Phantom's organ. Seniors Anna Weis and Erin Smith along with junior Ethan Weniger and freshman Bud Kessler perform their last show.





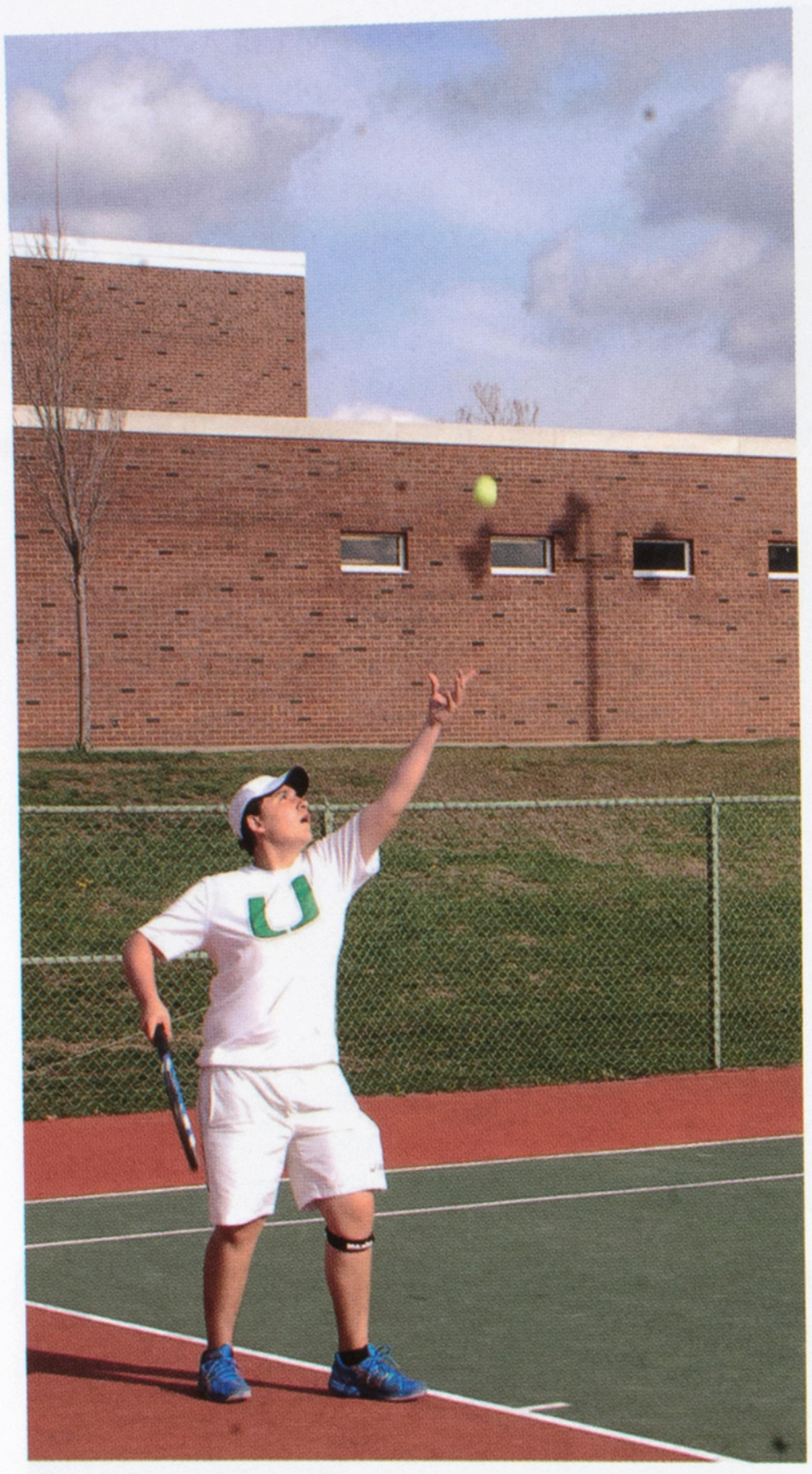








Left to Right: Sophmore Jay Simmons entices the audience as the Phantom along with Senior Erin Smith as Christine. Senior Jon Alden and sophomore Riley Dale reveal the chandelier. Juniors Brock Porter, Duncan Harris and David Hepler prepare for their roles in the show. Photos By: Sam Walker



Clockwise: Boys tennis team members await their next match. Freshman Alexander Su readies for a serve return. Coach Brumleve encourages sophomore Chris Nardone. Sophomore Grant Guttschow returns the ball. Senior Austin Peterson tosses for the serve. Photos by: Alex Parlette





Youth Powers Boys Tennis

This year the boys tennis team isn't relying on upperclassmen experience to carry the team into competition; they only have two seniors on the entire team. The young team has been strong throughout the year. They placed 11th out of 32 teams in Edwardsville, 4th of 16 at the BHS Invitational, and jumped to an 8-1 match play record by the first week of May.

Now the team is led by seniors Vivek Gulati and Austin Peterson. Although the names and faces have changed, the expectations remained constant.

"The goal is to try and get everyone to state. It's different not having as many seniors this year. I know last year I was one of the youngest on the team even though I was a junior," Gulati said.

Other than Gulati and Peterson, this year's varsity team consisted of one junior, three sophomores, and five freshmen.

"We're a very young team and the team is very deep, where on any given day our number eleven player could beat our number two," Peterson said.

The transition into high school tennis hasn't been smooth, but this year's freshmen have made great progress.

"The hardest part has been the communication. Our team started off rough and we had lots of communication problems, but with amazing seniors to lead us, we will continue to improve," freshman John Tian said.

The more experienced players on the team have been impressed with the freshmen's play this season.

"The freshman have played well and adjusted to the high school season well. Expectations were high for them and they have met those expectations," Gulati said.

By Jace Mortimer





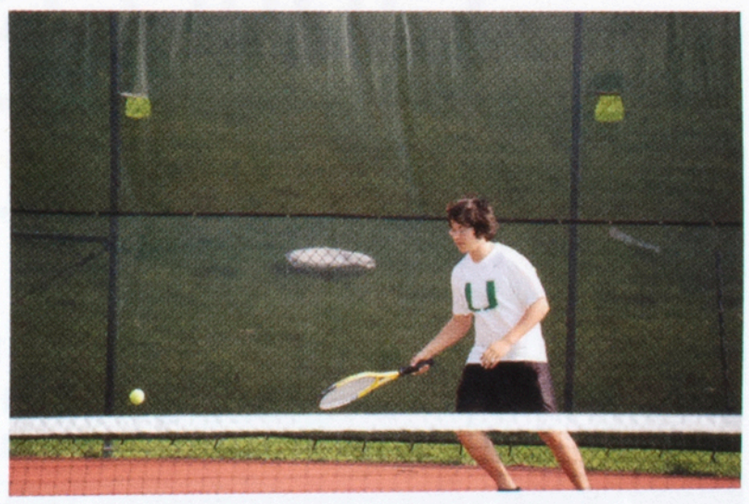
Left to Right: Senior Vivek Gulati returns a serve in his singles match. Freshman Sam Totten warms up for his match.

Date	Team	Results
4/1/2011	Edwardsville Invite	6th/32
4/5/2011	Pontiac	8-1
4/9/2011	Bloomington Invite	4th/16
4/11/2011	Central Catholic	9-0
4/20/2011	Streator	9-0
4/23/2011	Peoria Notre Dame	9-0
5/2/2011	Metamora	2-7
5/3/2011	Normal	6-3
5/6/2011	Eugene Hill Tournament	6th/16
5/9/2011	Normal West	7-2
5/12/11	Washington	7-2











Left to Right: Junior Matias Wolansky serves at pratice. Junior Brandon Patkunas prepares to serve an ace.

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Top to Bottom: Freshman Sam Totten returns a serve from his teammate Freshman Mark Cordero chases after a ball. Junior Mitchell Dearing serves it up.



Clockwise:Junior Olivia Crockett takes a shot on goal. Junior Alyssa Corbitt and Senior Lydia Wilson work hard on defense. Sophomore Kayla Palmer gains control of the ball on defense. Junior Rona Hunter shoves her opponent in an attempt to advance the ball. Senior Lydia Wilson passes the ball upfield to Junior Olivia Crockett. Photos By: Ellie Sloneker and Haley Sauve









Pioneers Step Up their Game

The girls soccer team suffered a hefty loss of six seniors from last year, but that didn't stop them from playing well. Senior captain Marissa Tank said that the reason behind their success was the considerable team effort this year.

"Everybody worked so hard to make up for the seniors," Tank said. "I can't believe how much it paid off."

One of the leading scorers, junior Olivia Crockett, said that their passing had a lot to do with the goals that they made. Crockett had two goals alone in the April 18 game against Central Catholic. Her total number of goals amassed to fourteen in a matter of seven weeks.

In the same Central Catholic game, Crockett scored her first goal only 20 seconds into the game.

"Lydia told me to score in the first minute, and I scored in the first twenty seconds," Crockett said. "It was all about how the team set each other up."

One of the most welcome victories for the team was the Intercity tournament. They won Intercity for the first time in four years. Senior captain Lydia Wilson said that the whole team came together really well for the win.

"The team effort and chemistry was unbelievable," Wilson said.

The last major driving force behind the team was their coach, Haley Sefton. Sefton said she had only the highest regards for the team.

"The team got better every day," Sefton said. "The entire team has stepped it up this year to make up for the seniors."

By John Williamson



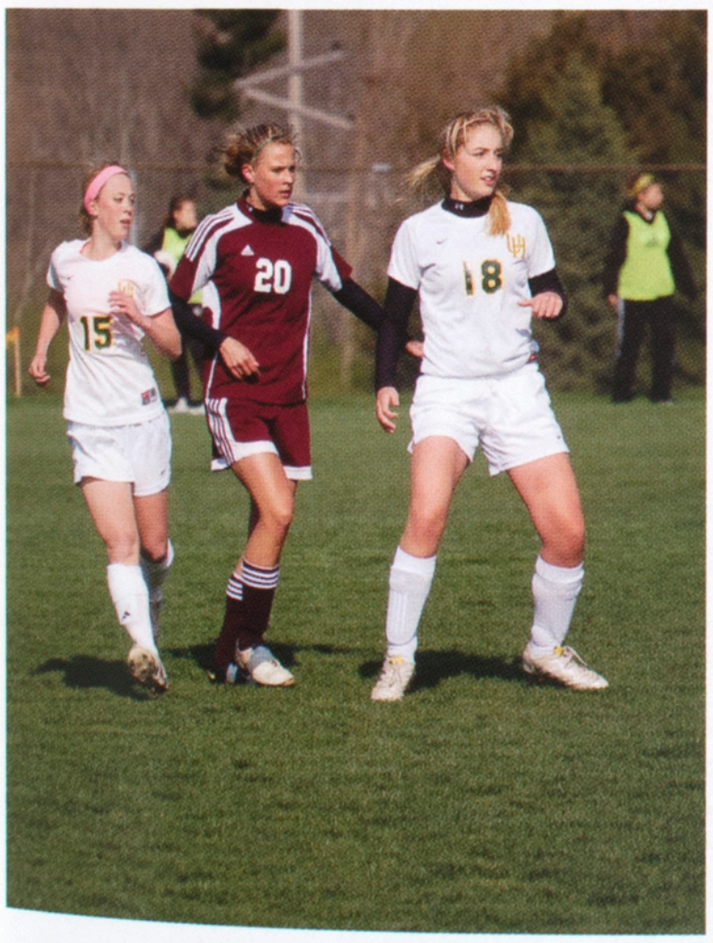


Clockwise: Junior Tiffany Masters performs a goal kick. Freshman Kenzie Taylor works hard at midfield. Junior Cheyenne Bowers makes a move on her opponent.

"The team got better everyday," Sefton said.

Date	Team	Results
4/4/2011	E. Moline United Township	1-3
4/7/2011	St. Thomas More	9-0
4/9/2011	Rochester	0-0
4/11/2011	Urbana	2-0
4/14/2011	Peoria Notre Dame	1-1
4/18/2011	Central Catholic	5-0
4/21/2011	Danville	3-0
5/3/2011	Mahomet-Seymour	2-0
5/13/2011	Morton	1-2
5/17/2011	Regional, Lincoln	4-0
5/20/2011	Regional, Bloomington	1-0
5/26/20011	Sectional, Mattoon	2-0
5/28/2011	Sectional, Champaign Centennial	0-6





Above: Juniors Maggie Shane and Cheyenne Bowers work together to intercept the ball.

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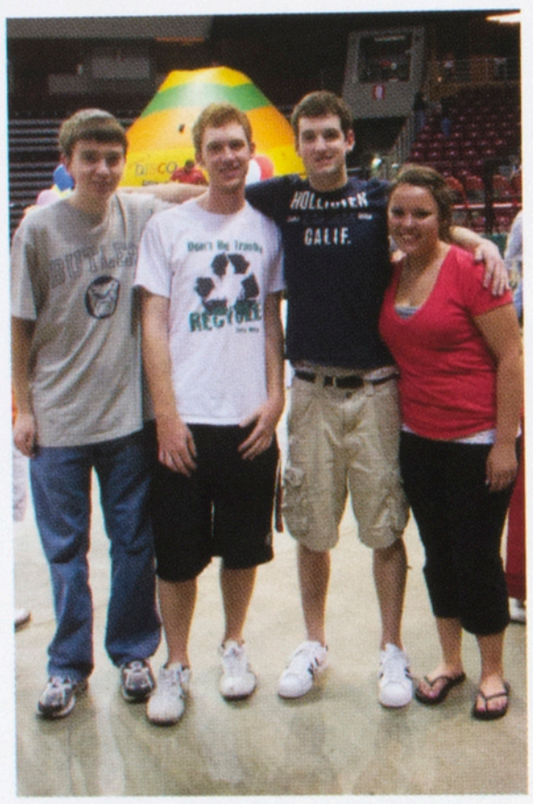


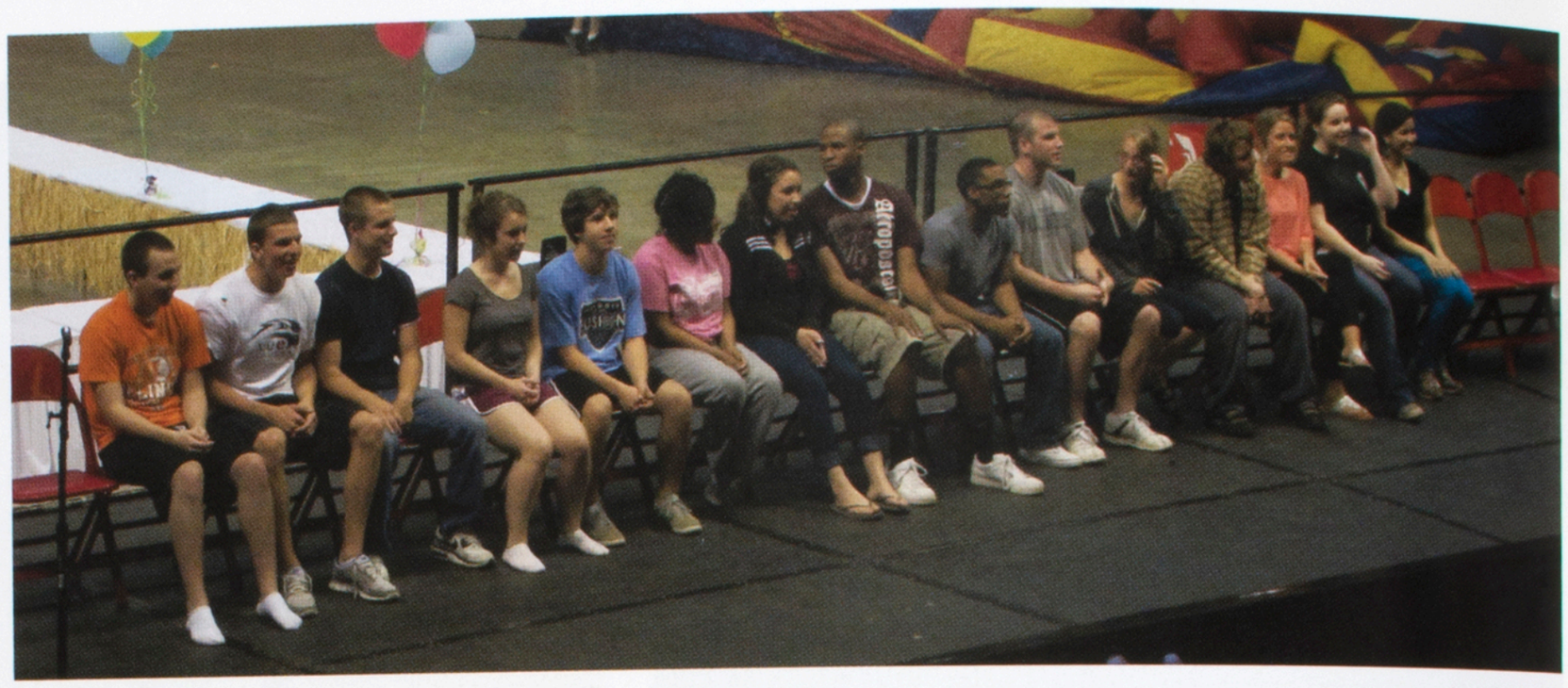




Clockwise: Senior Marissa Tank clears the ball. Junior Bayli Doubet throws in the ball. U-High defense works as a well-oiled machine.

Clockwise: U-High students and friends get hypnotized at After-Prom. U-High Students enjoy all After-Prom has to offer. Seniors Austin Montief, Andrew Arthur, Mike Hartman, and Junior Jessica Creasey attend After-Prom.







Prom Night

Spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs filled the room, and no, I'm not talking about Lady Gaga's room, I'm talking about U-High's 2011 Casino Royale Prom night.

Walking into the dance, I was greeted with the Chicken Dance. That first song was the perfect foreshadowing for the high energy of the rest of the night.

"It was just a jumble of songs with actions, it was great. My friends and I just couldn't stop laughing," senior Marta Ayele said.

Before long the room was filled with beautiful dresses of every color and style. Most went with the classic dress, and others put their own original spin on the age old tradition .

"I didn't want to have to spend a ton of money on a dress, so I made my own, out of duct tape," senior Mia Hartung said .

Hartung's dress was made entirely of white, black, and red duct tape. The design was simple and elegant with added card suits on the sash to complete the dress.

However, the dance was only a precursor to the real fun: After-Prom.

"I really wasn't interested in the dance, so I met up with my friends at after-prom; it was insane," senior Trace Peifer said.

Students spent the first part of after-prom completing activities to earn raffle tickets. Those raffle tickets could then be placed in buckets to try and win a prize. With over 100 prizes to be won, several U-High students went home with prizes, including gift cards for local restaurants and businesses.

"I put all of my tickets into the same bucket, and of course I got that prize," senior Jon Alden said .

Alden won one of the door prizes as well as one of the grand prizes, a mini-fridge.

With only an hour left, U-High students were gathered onto the bleachers for what turned out to be the highlight of the night. About 20 U-High students were called up to be hypnotized.

The mild disappointment from the students not chosen had soon dissipated. From horse racing to an Elvis sighting, the subjects of this hypnotism were just as fun to watch.

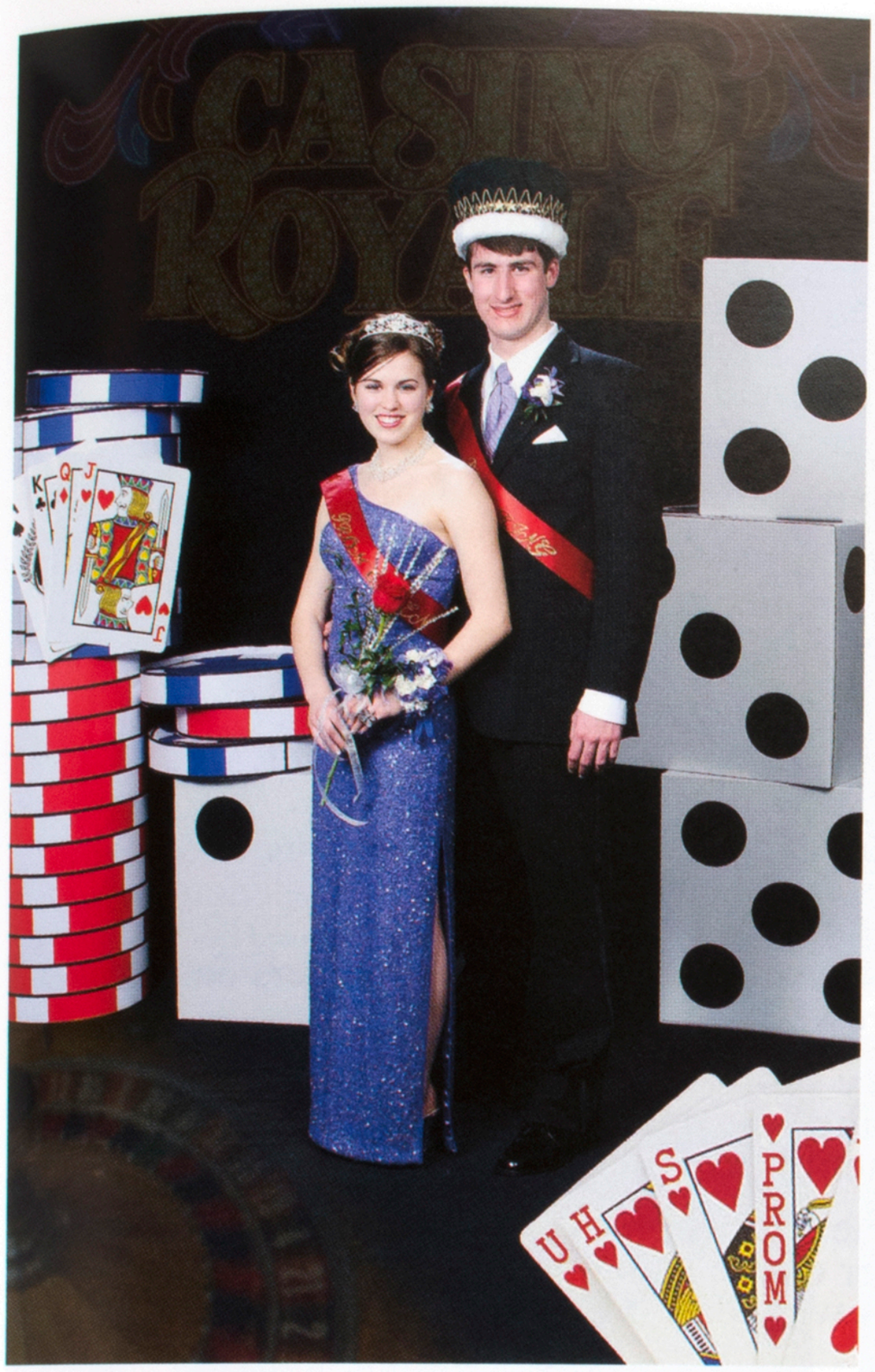
"It was hilarious," junior Rachel Berg said. "They would be completely asleep and then suddenly laugh at some imaginary scene."

When asked what it was like to be hypnotized, junior Haylee Weekly said she was at a loss.

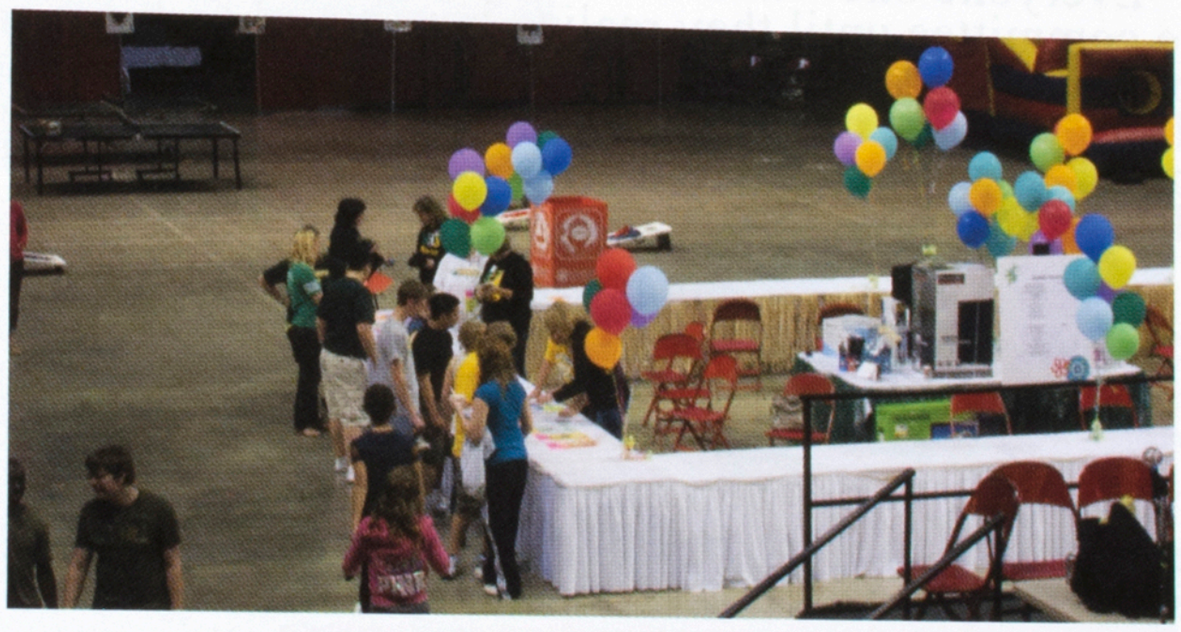
"I don't even remember what happened," Weekly said. "Something about Seabiscuit, and I don't know what else."

The fun finally came to a close in the early hours of Sunday morning when U-High students headed home from what I'm sure will be a hard night to forget.

By Jess Michels









Clockwise: Prom King and Queen, seniors George Seelinger and Kelsey Larson pose for their royallty pictures. Juniors Haley Sauve and Jessica Creasey enjoy Prom. U-High students collect their grandprizes at After-Prom. Junior Joshua Ashley escorts Senior Sienna Reuter to Grand March. Photos By: Haley Sauve and Courtesy of: Jessica Creasey and Kent Photography.

Class Night 2011

Class night returned to Stroud Auditorium on Thursday, May 19th, as the incoming freshmen were welcomed and the seniors left for the last time.

This year's theme was based on the block-buster film "Inception,"and many U-High students and faculty played a role in the plot to prevent Assistant Principal Andrea Market from canceling class night.

The evening of video shorts and student bands requires months of preparation. Weekly seven a.m. meetings began back in February. This year's Class Night advisor was teacher Robert Fitzgerald.

"Everyone one wants to be involved with the committee until they realize how big of a commitment it actually is," said Fitzgerald. "Those that are committed dedicated a good portion of their spring semester to organizing Class Night."

A variety of videos about Netbooks, teacher bonding and cold classrooms introduced the incoming freshmen to U-High culture and welcomed them to the 2011-2012 school year.

The Class Night band gave memorable performances of hits such as Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

"All parts of the evening, from the videos to the performances, from the Lamp of Knowledge Ceremony to the moving up of classes, are characteristic of the rich tradition and culture of U-High," said Fitzgerald.

Junior Camille Fevre said that class night was a great experience and a lot of fun.

"Class night was really cool and I liked seeing all my friends in the videos. I'm sad that I won't be able to be here next year to see it again," said Fevre.

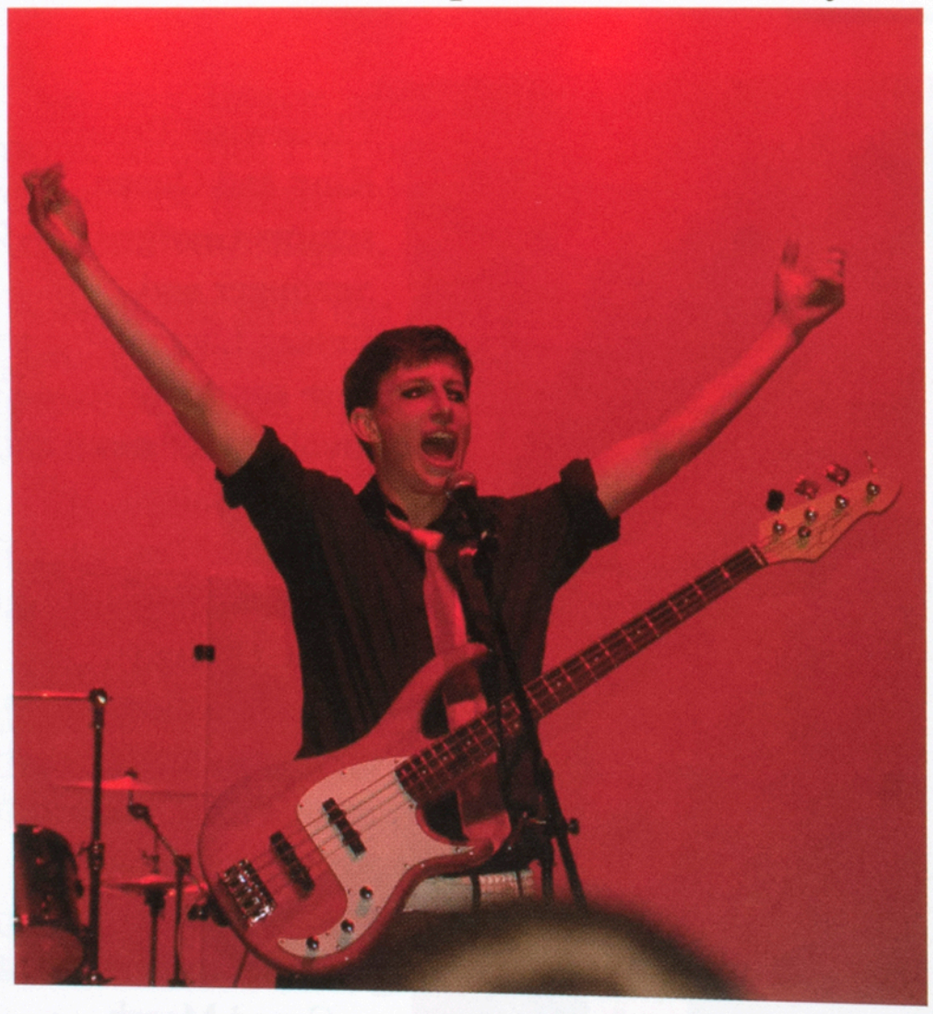
Although the funny videos were entertaining, the moving up of classes leveled the mood.

Senior Lydia Wilson continued the tradition of passing down the Lamp of Knowledge as she handed off the lamp to the class of 2012. The seniors then joined their class leaders on stage to say farewell.

Every senior stood up on stage as they hugged each other for the last time and watched the juniors take their place.

At the end when everyone was seated, every member of the school stood and cheered as the seniors waved goodbye and left Stroud for the last time.

By: Haley Sauve





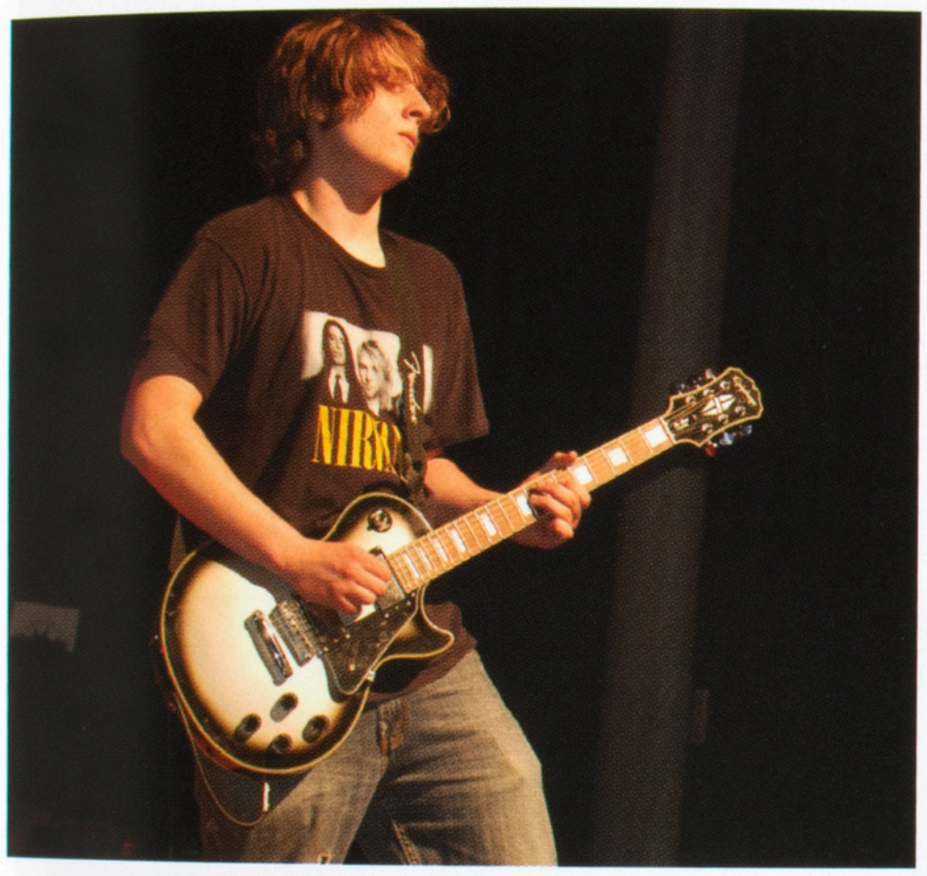




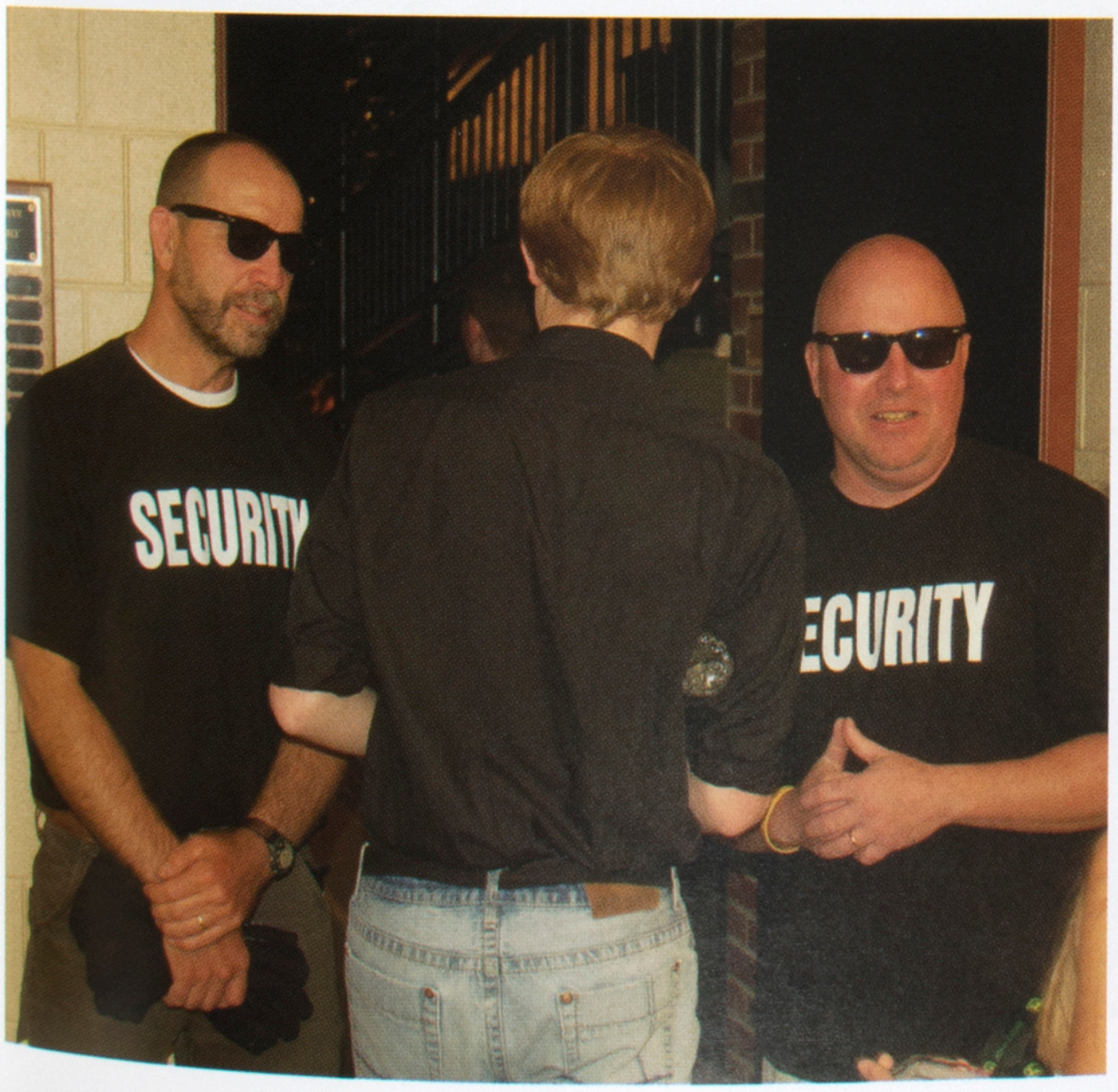
Clockwise: U-High seniors celebrate their last Class Night. U-High Faculty rocks out as they sing back up. Senior Lance Jessurun raises the energy level as he performs Holiday. Seniors Kambria Vance and Erin Hutchins sing their hearts out. Photos By: Jess Michels



Clockwise: Seniors Erin Smith and Liz Lindenmier perform the first song of the night. U-High students enjoy the dance. Class Night security, Mike Troll and Jeff. Wollenweber, carefully survey each student. Senior Joel Gebhardt gets into the groove of things. Senior James Clay surfs the crowd at his last class night.
Photos By: Jess Michels









"All parts of the evening...are characteristic of the rich tradition and culture of U-High," class night advisor Robert Fitzgerald said.

Graduation

Sunday May 22 was a day that belonged to the class of 2011 as the seniors were handed their long-awaited diplomas.

Braden Auditorium was packed full of parents, relatives and friends of the graduating class of 2011.

Seniors Danie Reece, Whitney Pledger, and Nate May gave the class a formal send-off with speeches that reflected on their accomplishments and looked towards the future. May reminded seniors to value the educational foundation they had received at U-High and to use that foundation to build upon as they move forward to become the "opinion leaders of the future."

Principal Jeff Hill similarly reflected on the remarkable accomplishments of this class: a group that has earned more than six million dollars in scholarships, experienced a one-to-one ratio of Net Books, and experienced the renovation of Stroud auditorium.

Principal Jeff Hill said he was very pleased with how graduation and class night went and was happy for the graduating class.

"It was a very nice ceremony. The 2011 class was a very school spirited and proud class. They had a strong sense of pride and showed great respect for the school and each other," said Hill.

The academic achievements of the graduating class were reflected in the 13 students to achieve the status of valedictorian.

"Any student with a 4.0 grade point average for all four years is automatically chosen as a valedictorian. We don't weight classes here and we are blessed with many great scholars," said Hill.

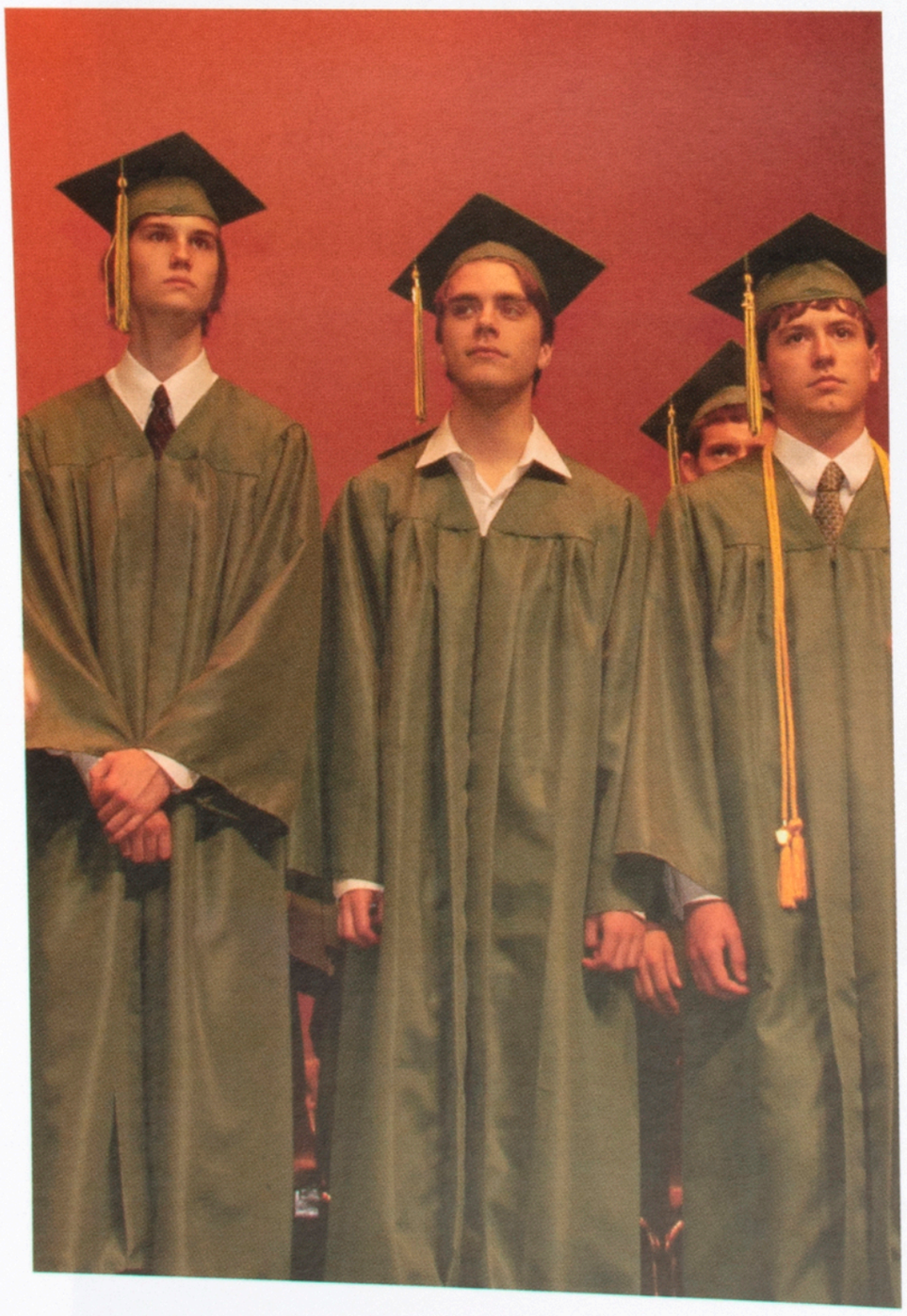
Seniors appeared both anxious and excited to be reaching this milestone.

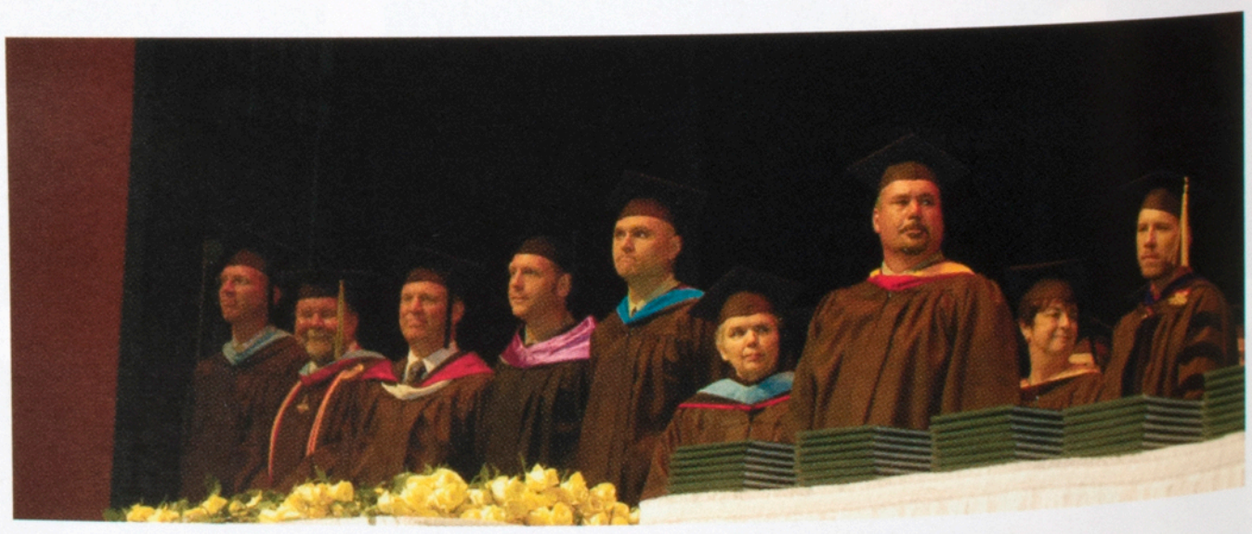
Senior Mia Hartung said, "As the last few months of the school year came to a close I felt like I was ready for college, but actually walking across the stage and getting my diploma made me feel a little uneasy."

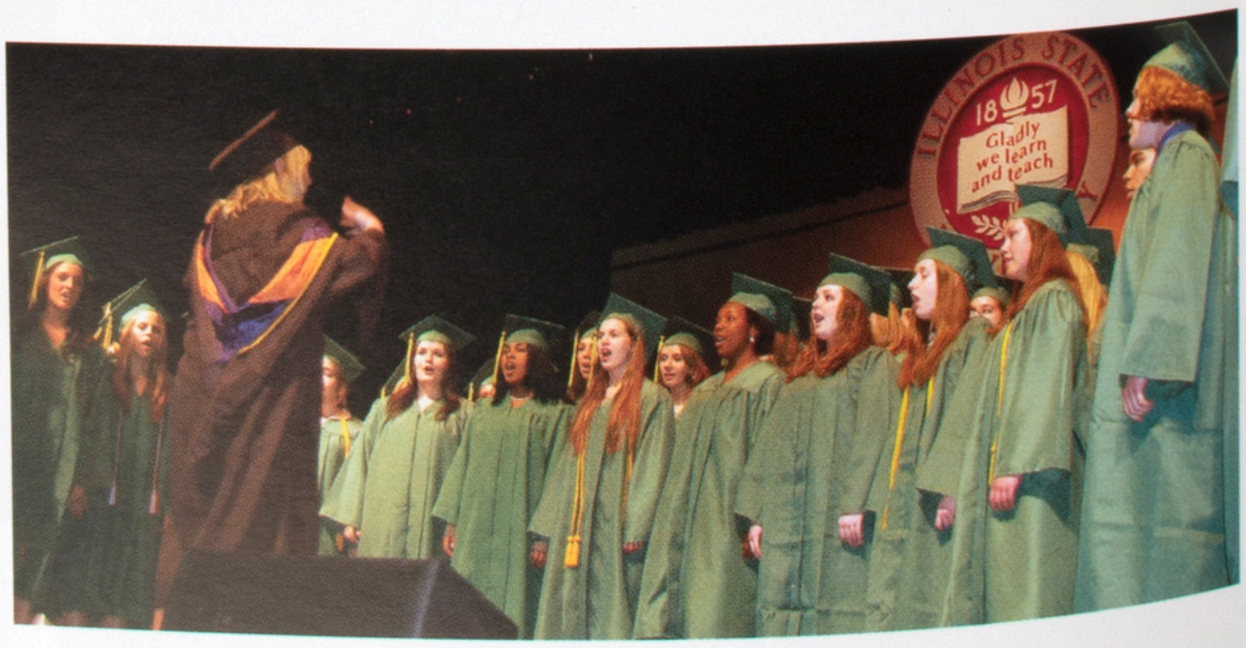
Graduation was an event full of mixed emotions not only for the graduating seniors.

"It's sad to see all my friends and some classmates go. I'm really proud of them and their accomplishments but it's heartbreaking. It's going to feel barren without them at U-High," said Junior Paige Thomas.

By: Haley Sauve

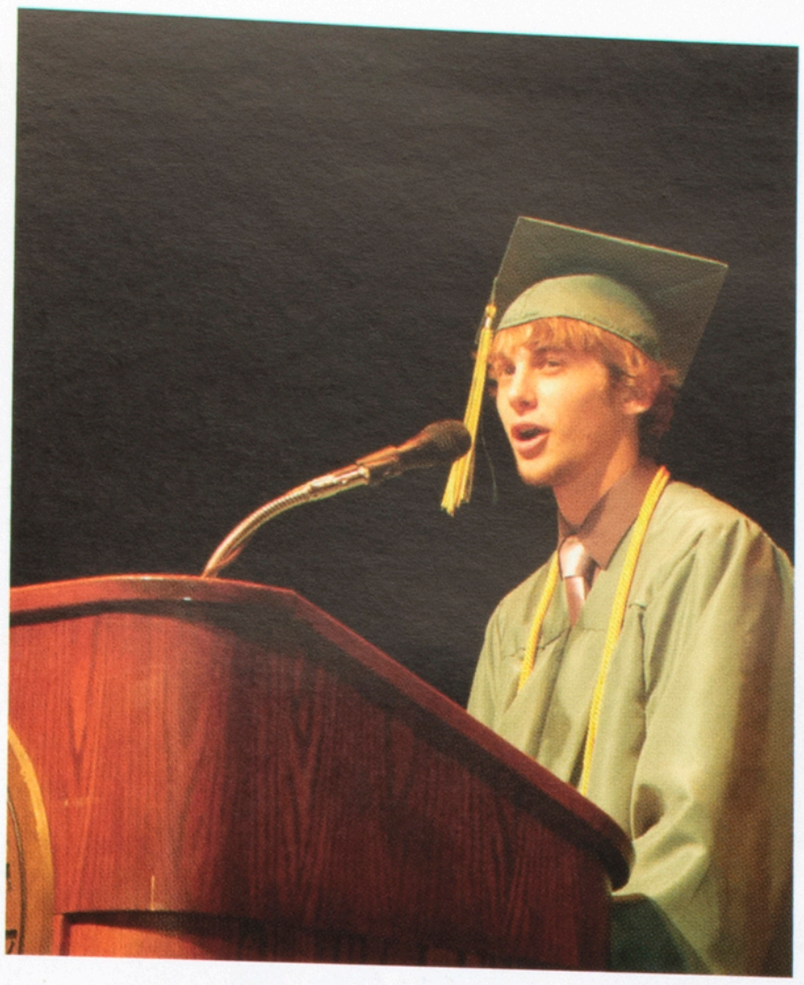






Clockwise: Senior valedictorians Nick Quarton, Jake Oakley and Sam Mueting wait to be seated at Graduation. U-High faculty reflect on this year's seniors. Seniors of Concert Choir perform their last Alma Mater.

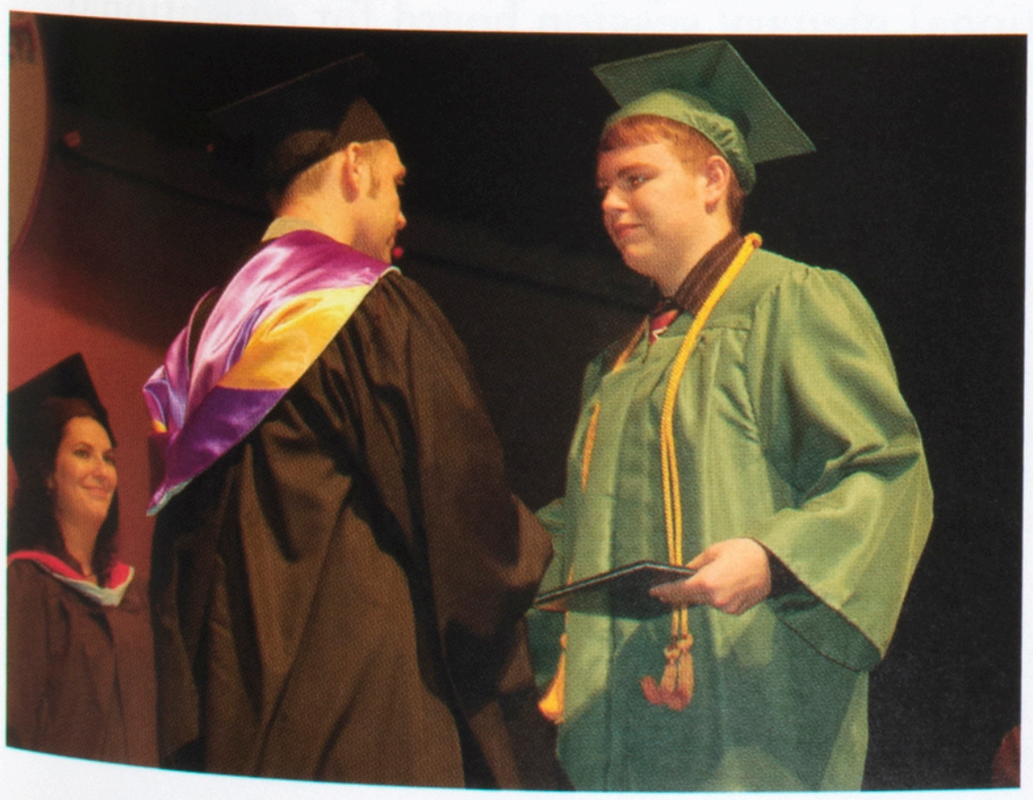




Clockwise: Senior Whitney Pledger expands on how this year's class has "bloomed" into such mature young adults. Senior Nate May speaks on the strong foundation to be found within the U-High family. Bob Fitzgerald presents Senior Danie Reece with her honors cord. Principal Jeff Hill presents Senior Jenna Greenlee with her diploma. Mike Henning steps in to present his son, Senior Arik Henning with his diploma. Senior Valedictorians move their tassels. Photos By: Jess Michels













Clockwise: Intern Kevin Gavillet, English Retiree Kathy Clesson, and Intern Elise Franchi. English department members Amy Reiman, Mark Adams, Diane Walker, Shyla Anderson, Suzie Thetard and Kathy Clesson say farewell.

Clesson Retires

Kathy Clesson, a long time faculty member and National Board Certified teacher, is retiring from the U-High family this year after teaching for 31 years.

Clesson's list of accomplishments is significant. She created and ran "Brome and Beyond," the award-winning student creative writing publication and started the very first Advanced Placement class at U-High, AP Language.

"'Brome' has placed each time we have submitted an issue for review. The last three years have all been outstanding. We have achieved the highest award for silver lining and have been called superior. It was also recommended for highest award for 'Viva la Voce' and 'Beauty in the Eye of the Beholder'," Clesson said.

Senior Samantha Walker, senior editor of "Brome and Beyond," said that Clesson's influence will be sorely missed at this school.

"Mrs. Clesson, whether she knew it or not, has had a great impact on my life and has influenced some of the big decisions I've had to make. Future U-High students are truly at a loss without this educator enlightening their lives," Walker said.

Clesson said that her time at U-High was a fun and gratifying experience.

"I would describe my time here at being intellectually stimulating and enormously rewarding. My best experience has been the encountering of the many students I met and have come to really enjoy teaching," said Clesson.

"U-High has many programs and opportunities. The hardest thing I've ever had to do is decide which things to be a part of," said Clesson.

Additionally, as a representative of the laboratory schools, Clesson has been a leader in the educational community working as a portfolio scorer, a room leader, and a bench marker for the National Board of Education.

Kathy Clesson has made more than 200 national conference presentations, has served on a national plenary session board for educational technology, has edited a textbook and completed a dissertation on the use of chat rooms as a backchannel for classroom discussion.

"Leaving University High School is definitely a very difficult thing for me to do. I had a great time and will miss this wonderful place. I feel that I am ending on a high note and that I am a master of my time," said Clesson.

By: Haley Sauve

Vroom Vroom

U-High technology students have spent most of the year designing and building a car capable of going from zero to 60 mph in 5 seconds or less.

Junior Parker Ives and seniors Tanner Russell and Joshua Jacobs have been working on turning a pile of steel tubing into a Lotus 7 replica using their own computer designs.

Tech instructor Cory Culbertson has been working with these students to bring the project together.

"This project brings together a lot of what we teach here. It takes a lot of math and physics as well as extensive work using CAD (Computer Aided Design)," Culbertson said.

This entire project is minimally funded by the tech club and administration. Culbertson said most of the parts have been either built or donated. However, the students were able to find an engine from a Mazda Miata to serve as their car's engine.

The car has been a working project all year and work will continue into next year when they hope to be able to drive it. However, Culbertson does not anticipate that this project will be completed until 2013.

Bloomington resident and motorist Graham Earley has his own completed version of something very similar to what the finished tech car will be. He visited our tech students and even took them for some test drives near the school.

"He explained that he could get his car top out at 130, but our car won't be as aero-dynamic, we aren't aiming for speed, just how fast we can get it there, we're looking to maybe get to 120," Ives said.

For now, a lot of the framework is completed and the car is starting to take shape as the school year comes to a close.

By: Jess Michels







Clockwise: Freshman Andrew Kamischke helps out with work on the car during his own tech class. Graham Earley visits U-High tech students with his completed car giving students ideas for the future of their own car. Junior Parker Ives works welding part of the car's frame. Photos By: Jess Michels and courtesy of Cory Culbertson.







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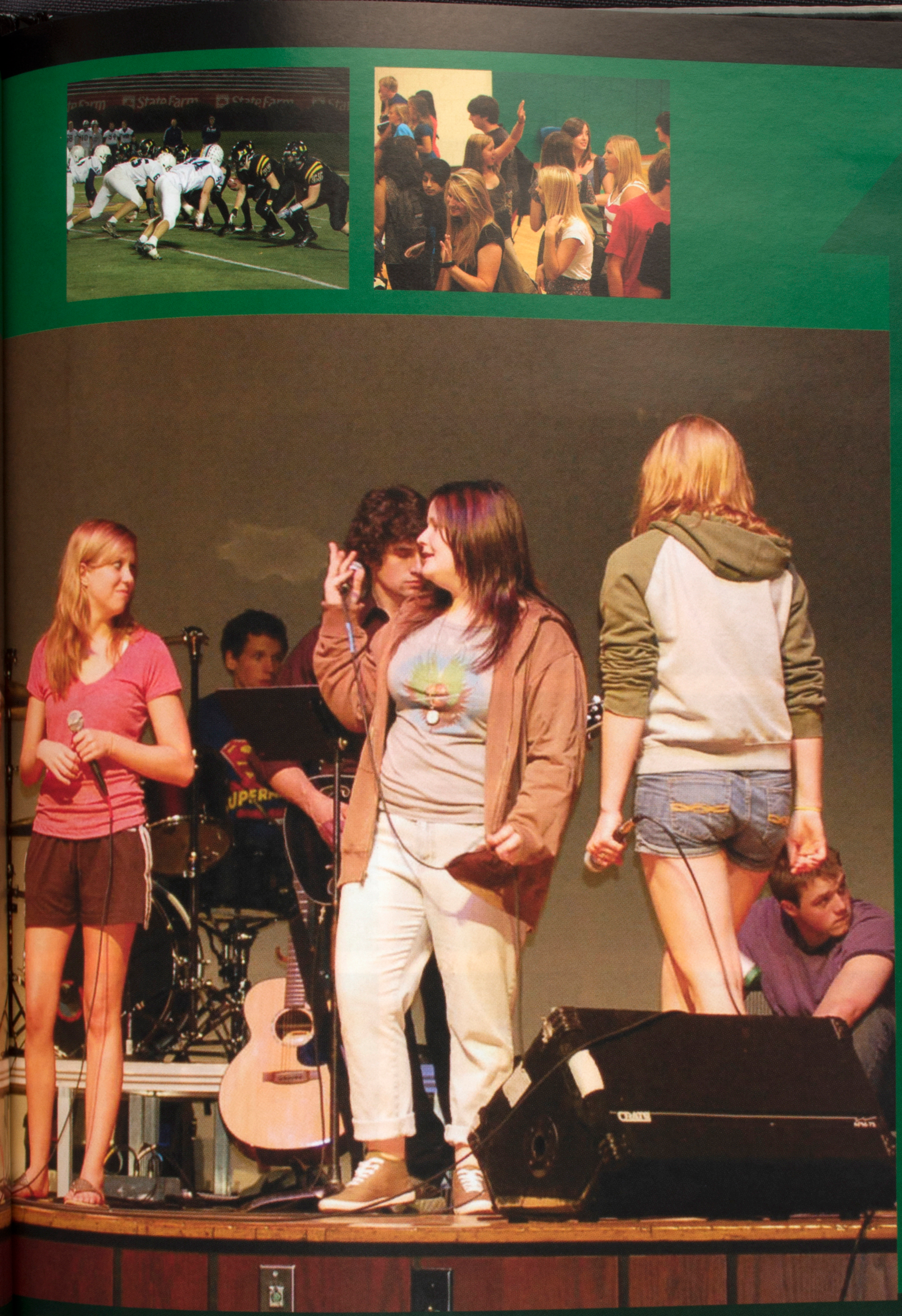








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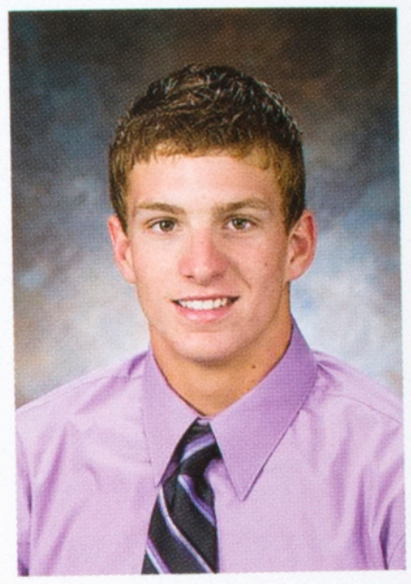






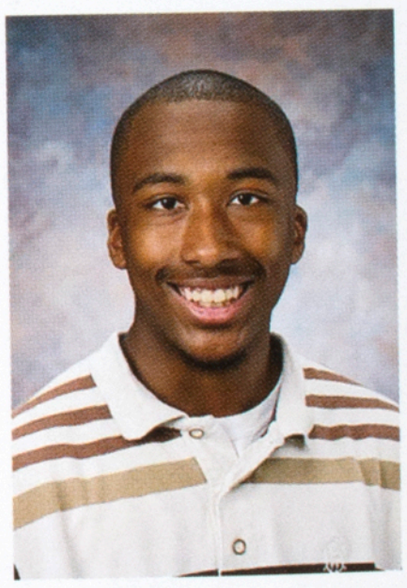
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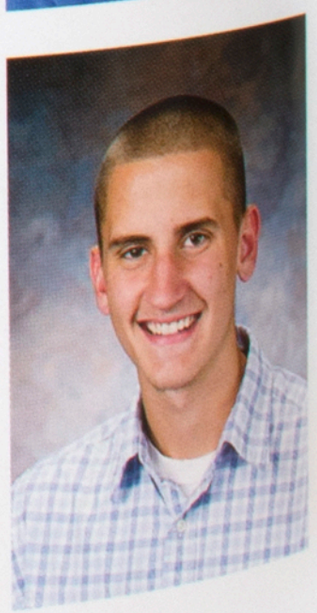




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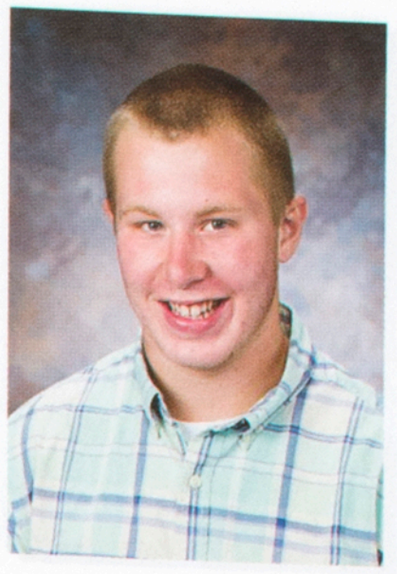












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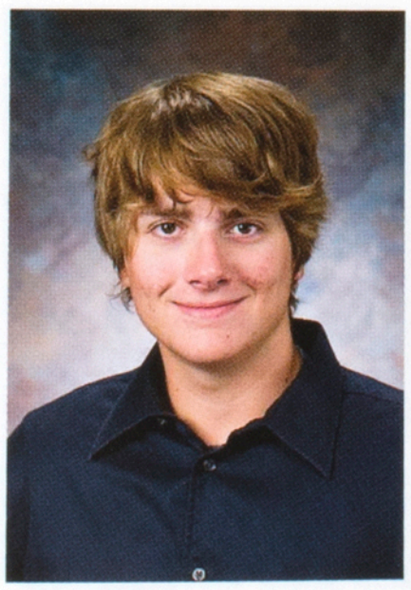






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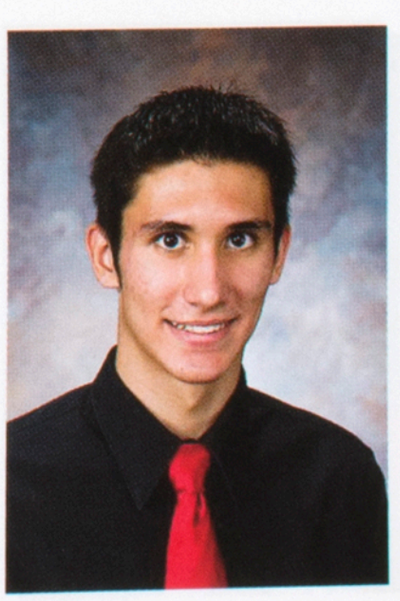




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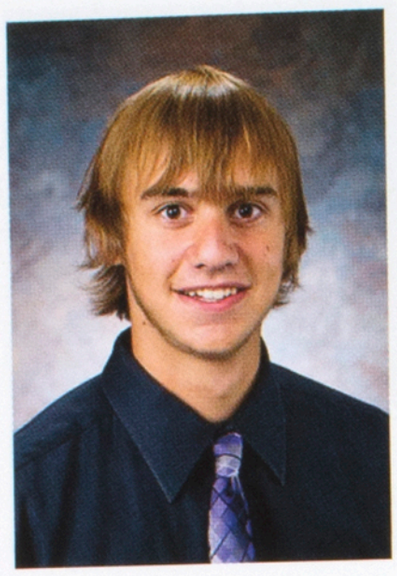
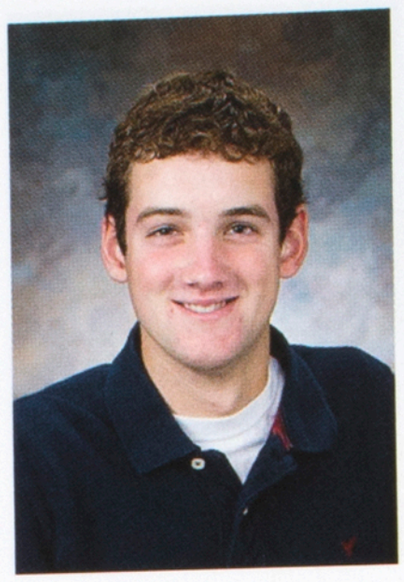


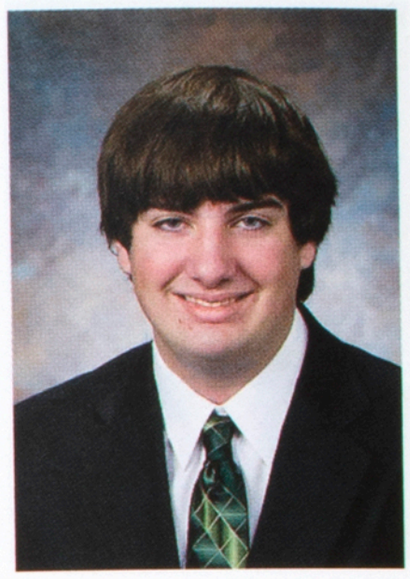




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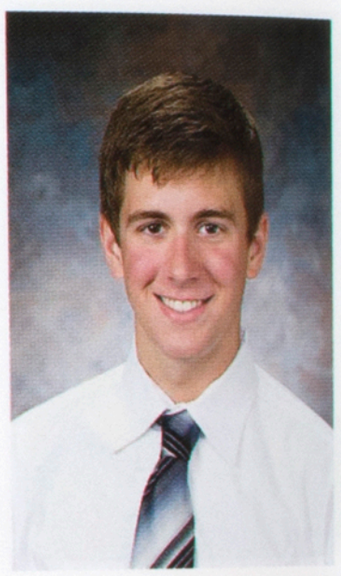





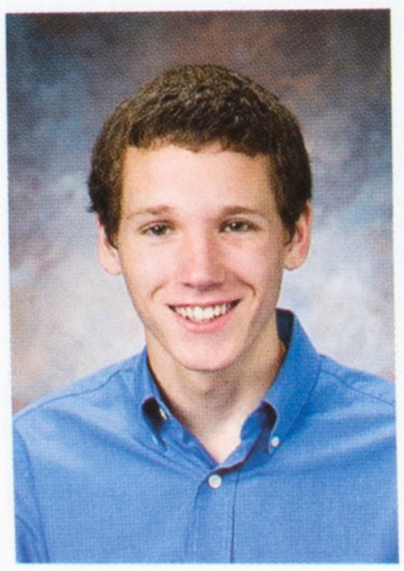

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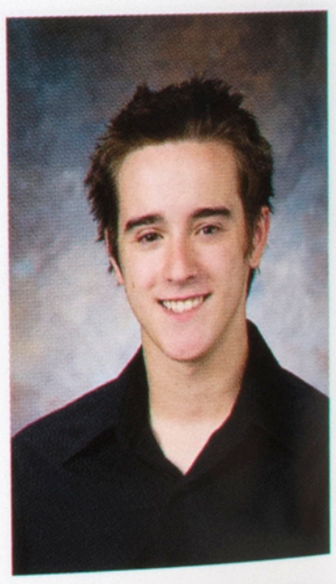




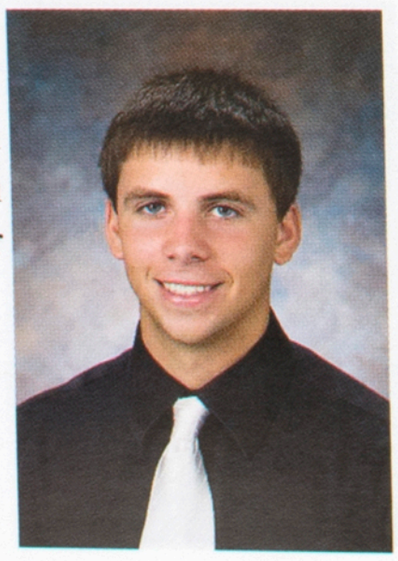


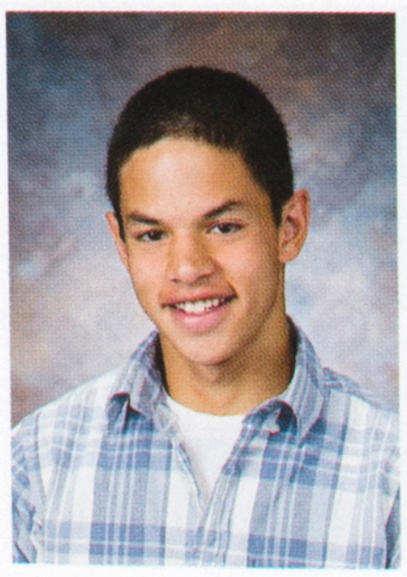
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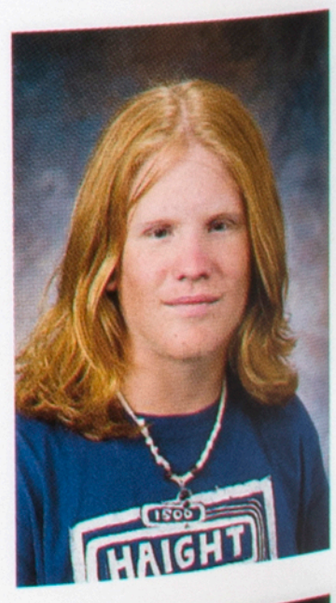



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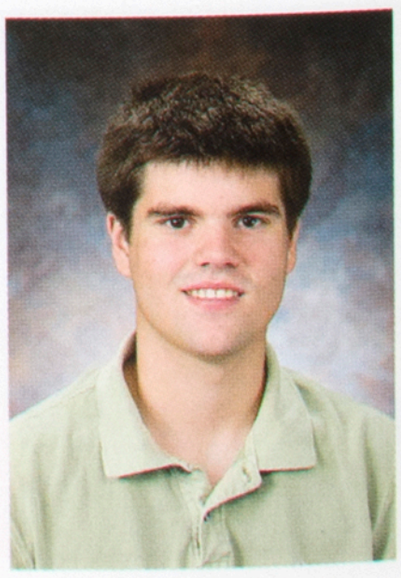
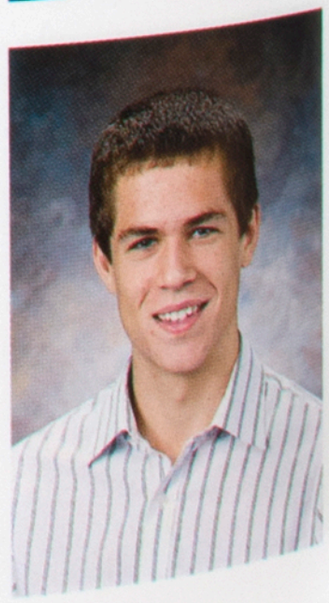


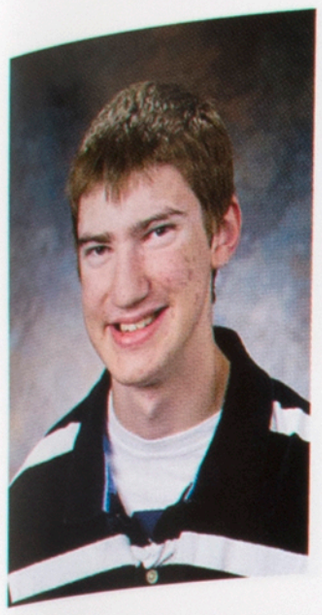




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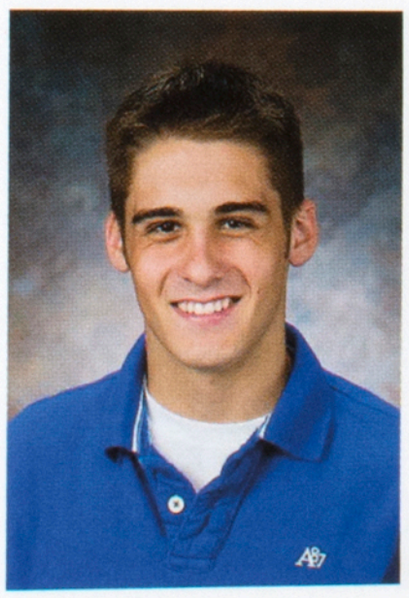






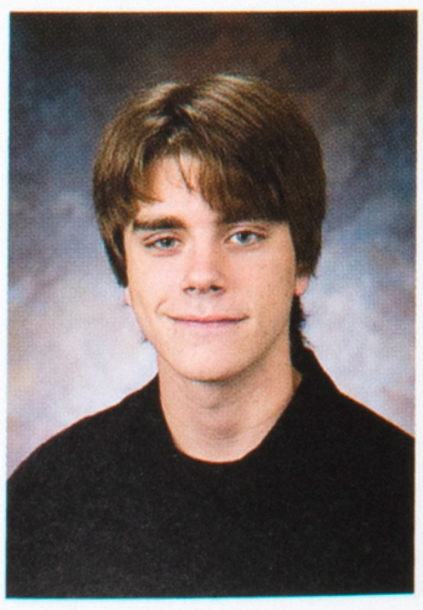
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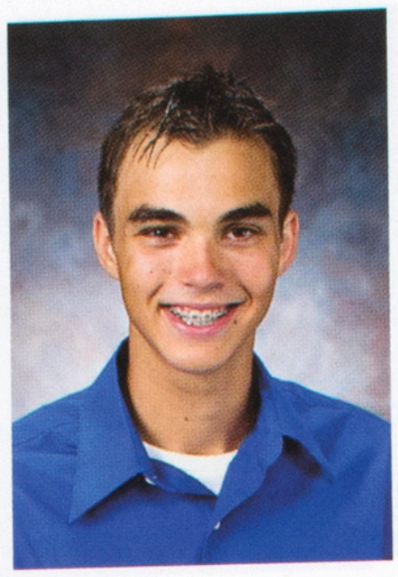


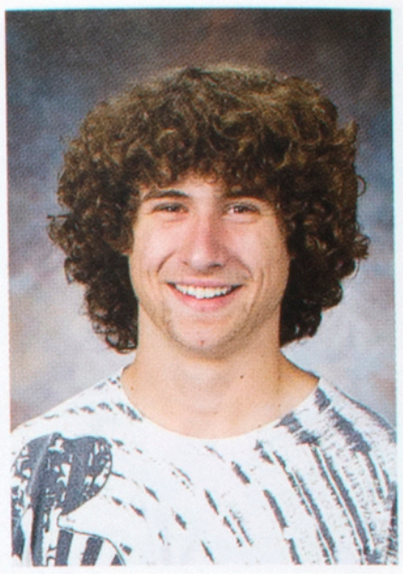
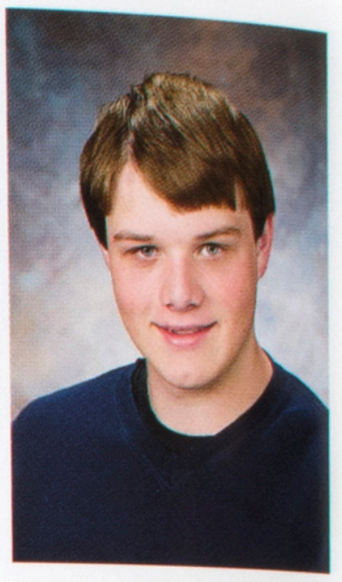




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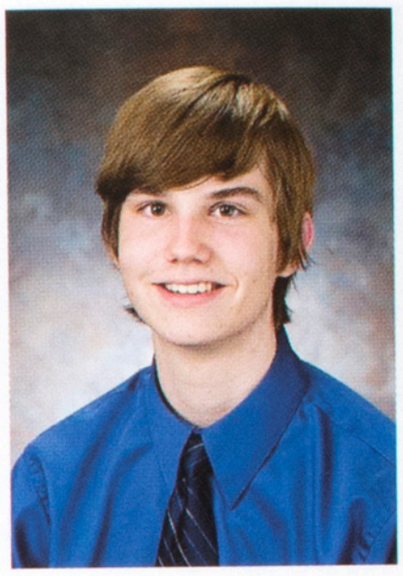
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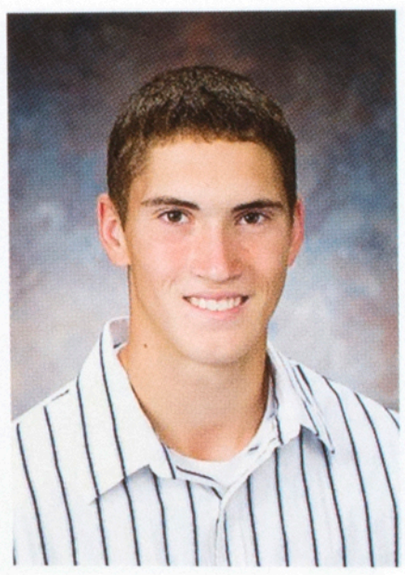
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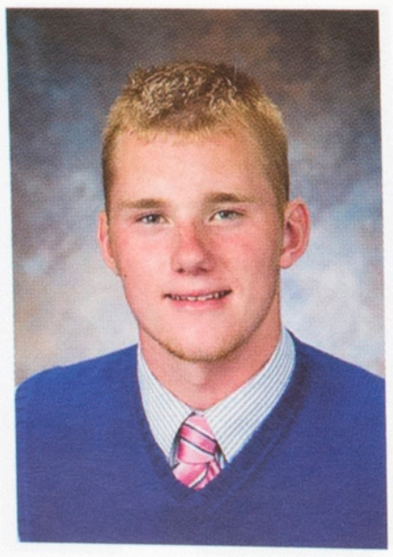
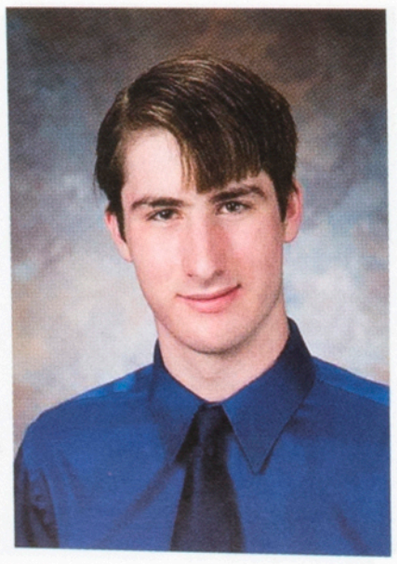

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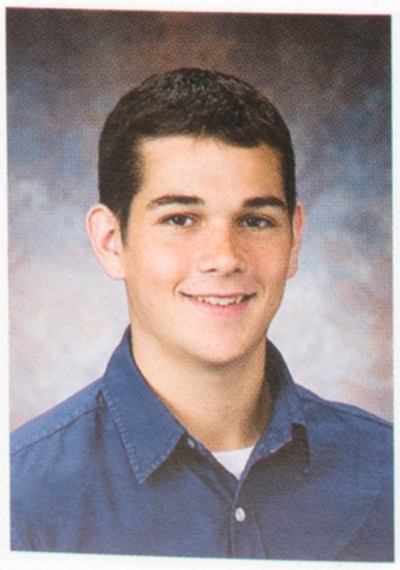
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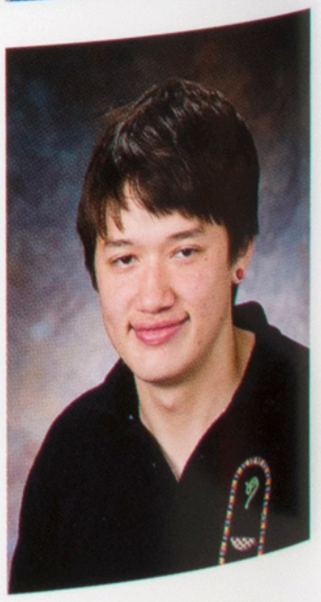



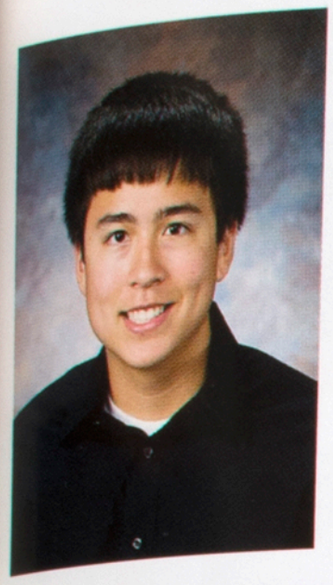


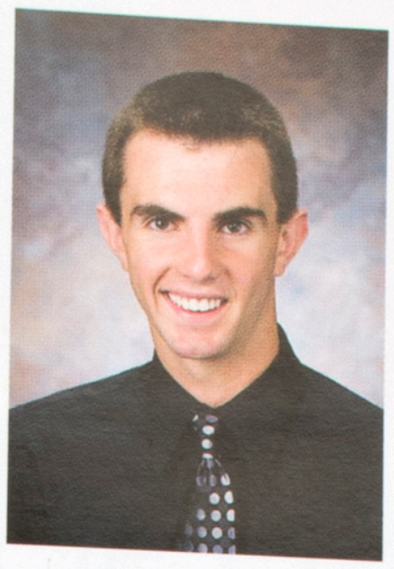

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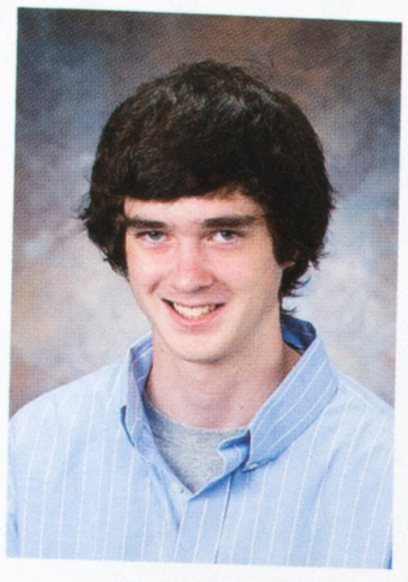





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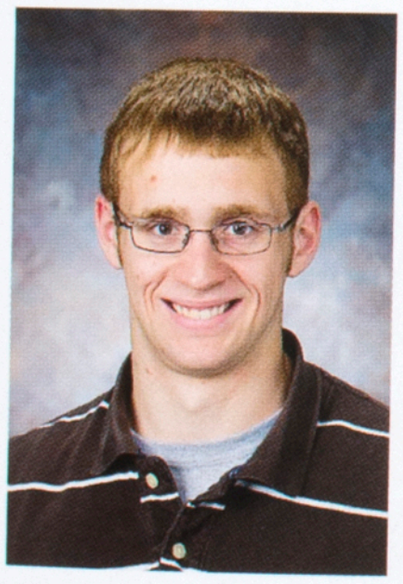
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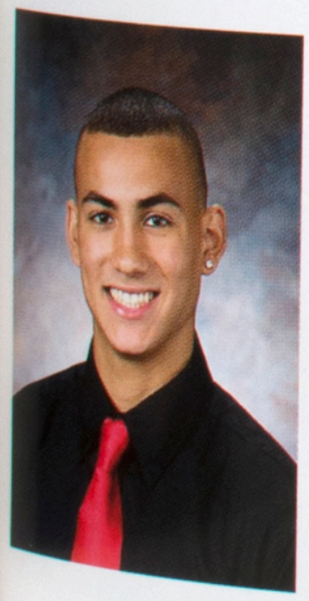
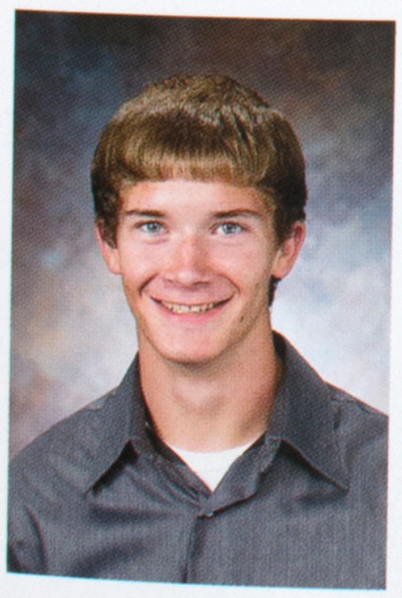


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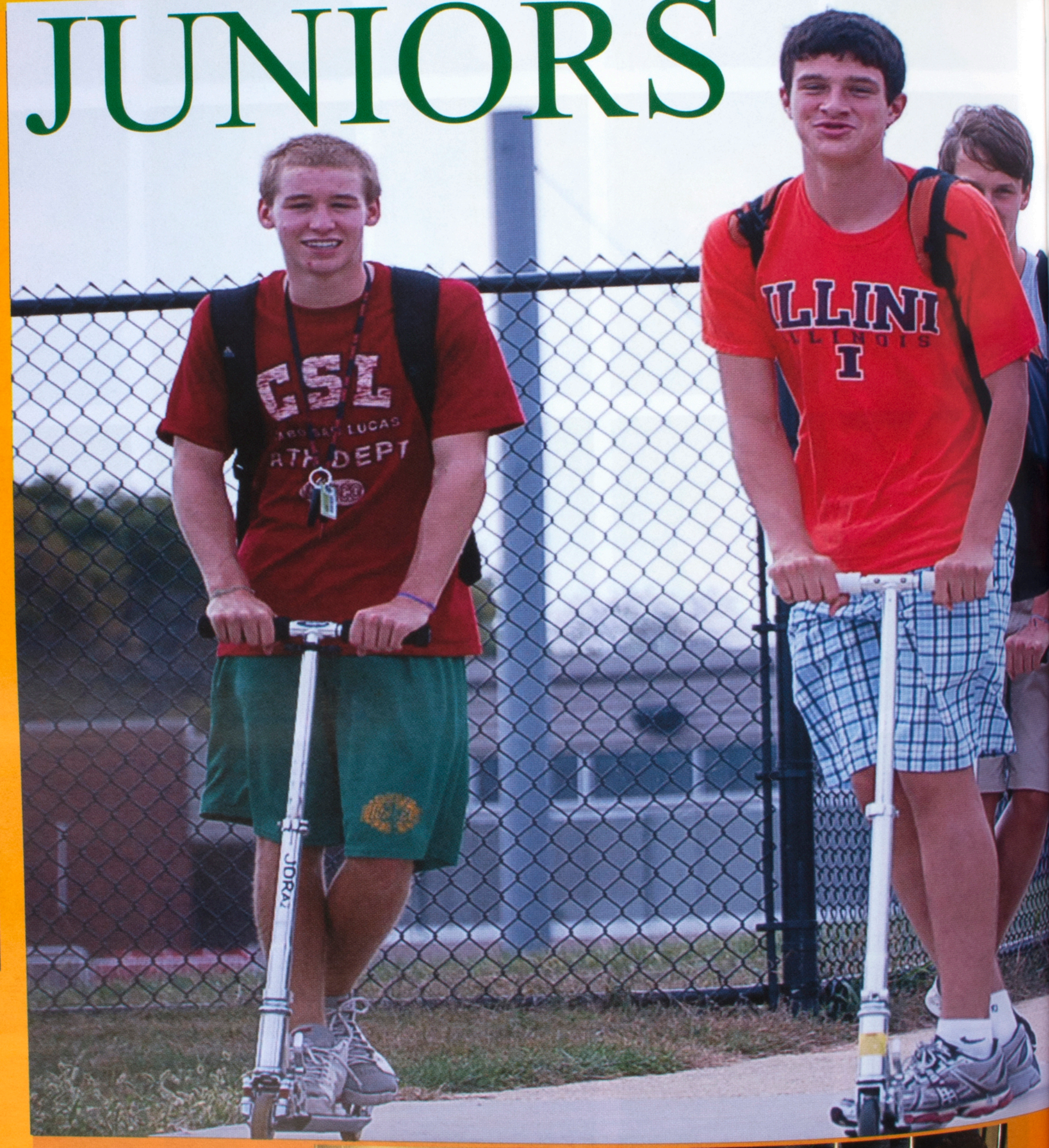


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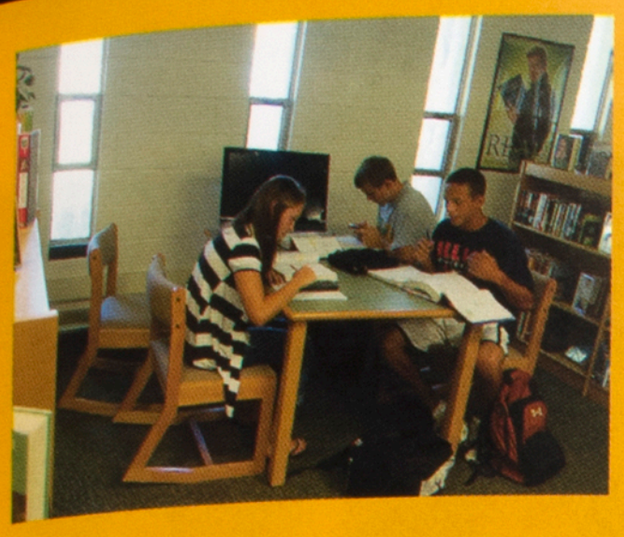


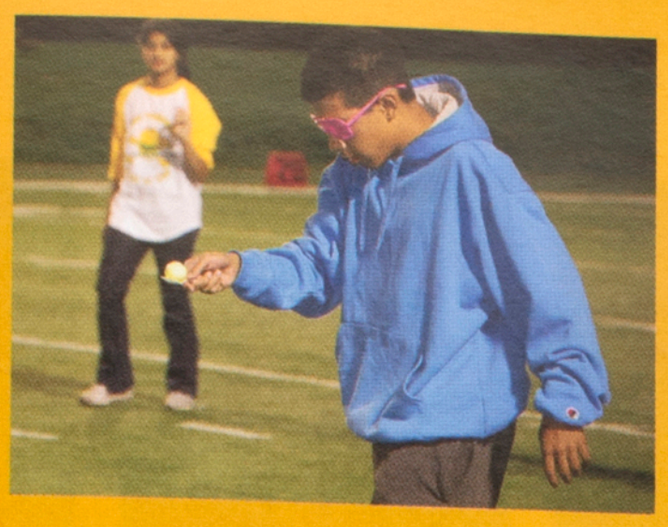












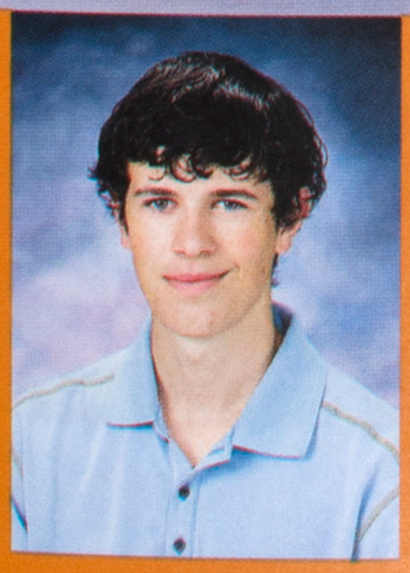
















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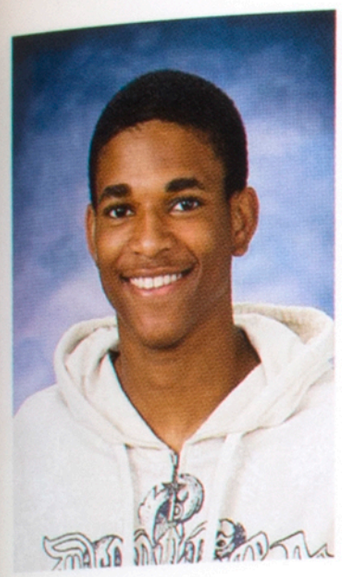


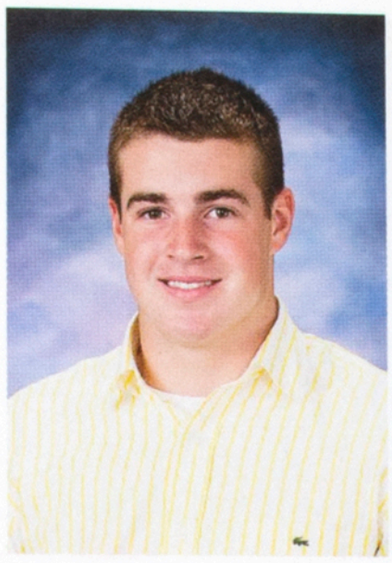






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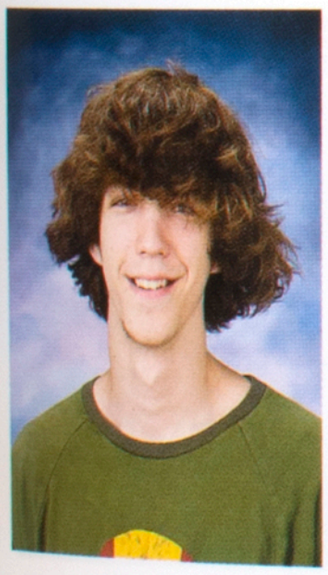
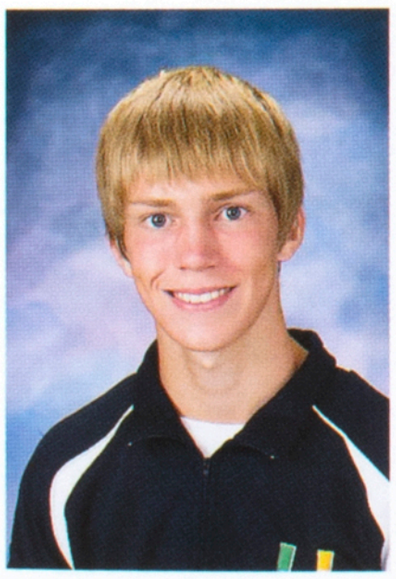
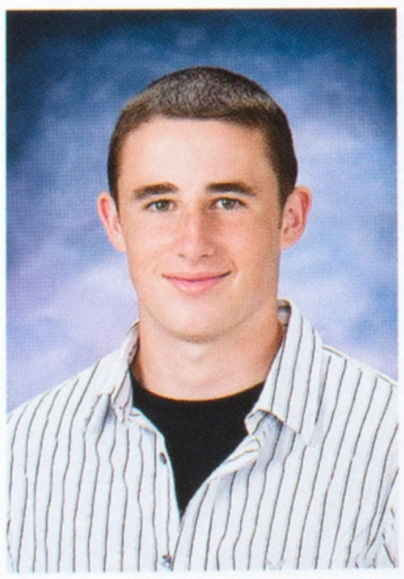

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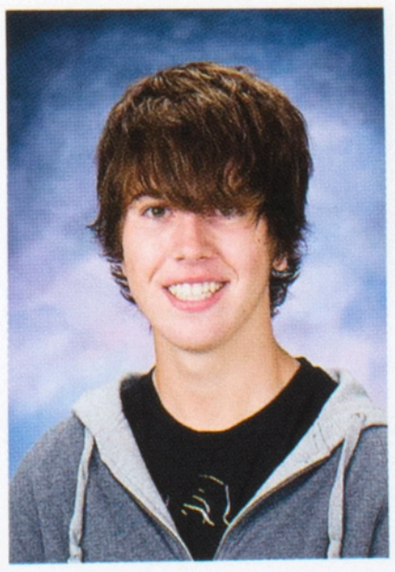






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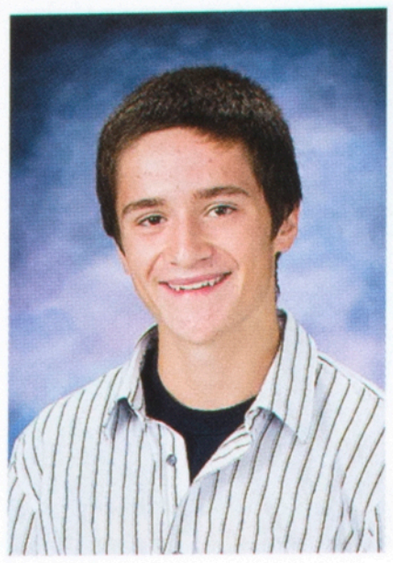




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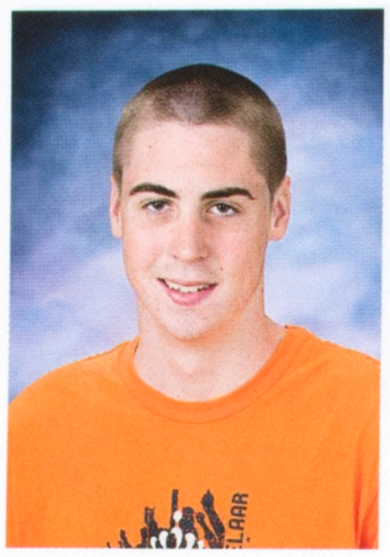
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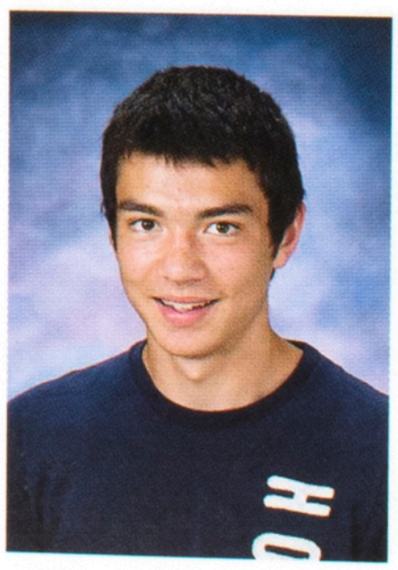






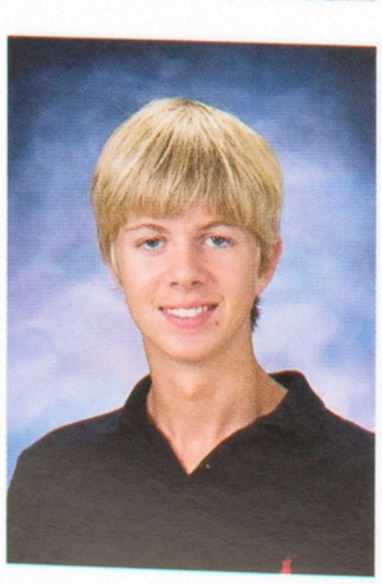
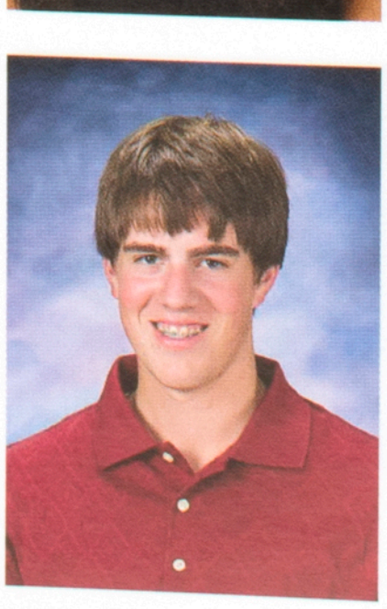
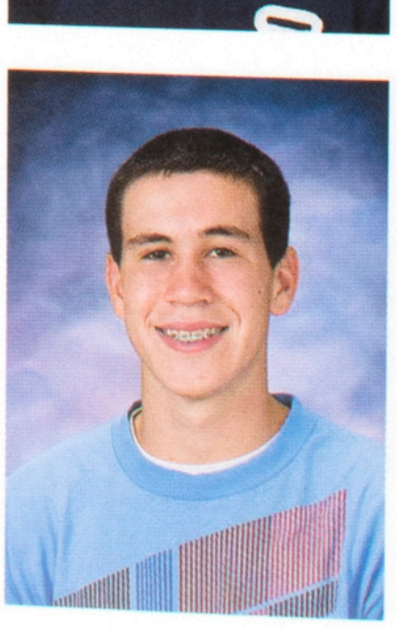
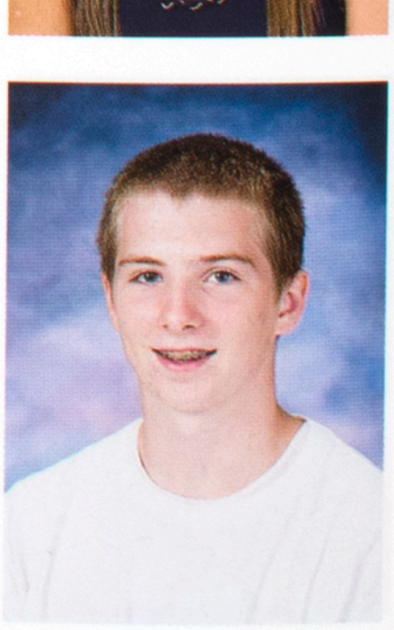
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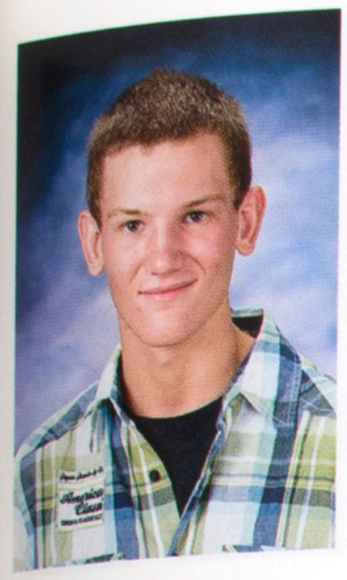




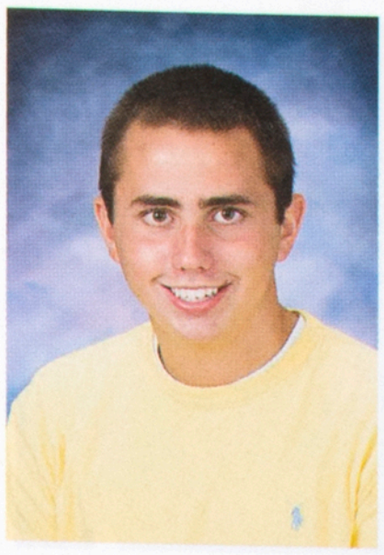


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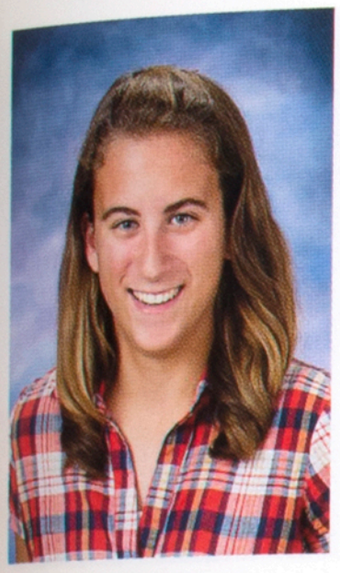





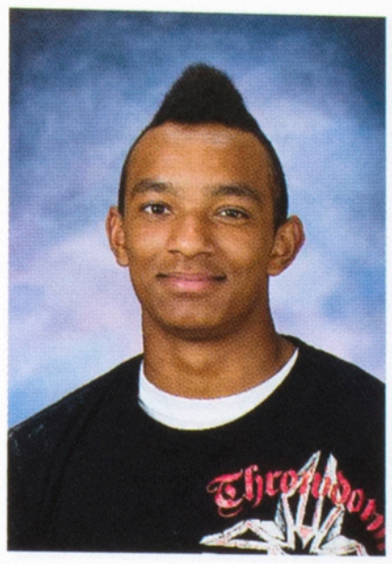
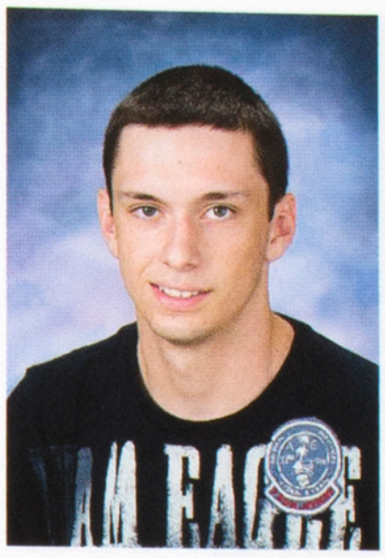





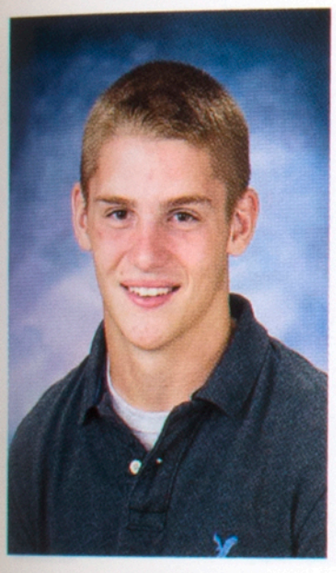


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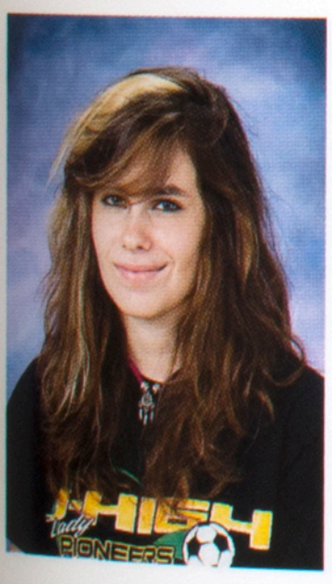
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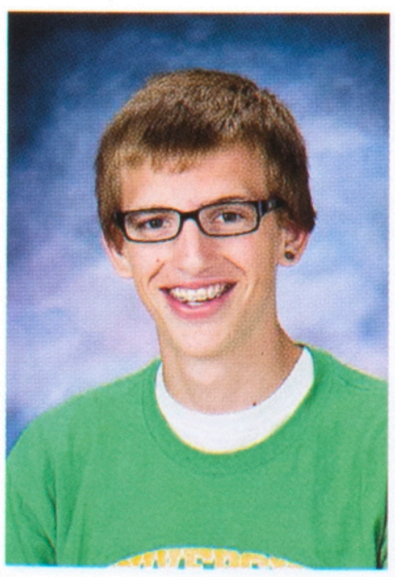
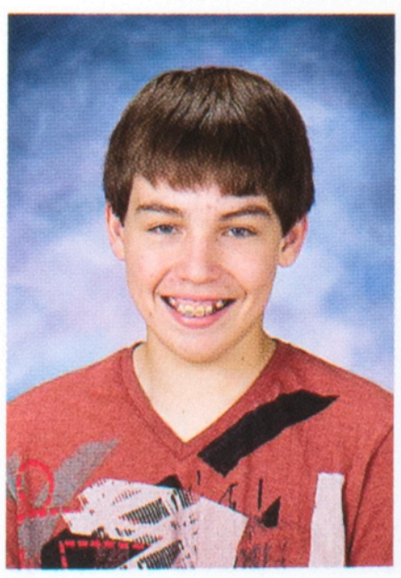


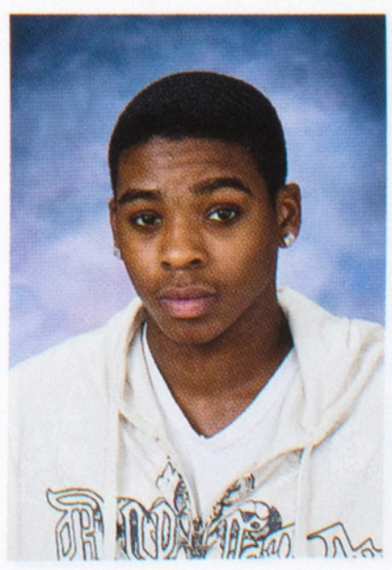




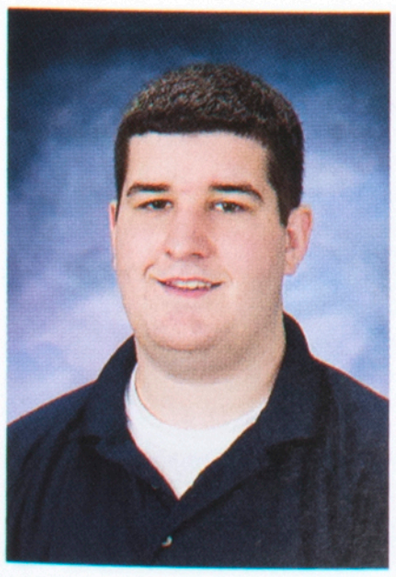
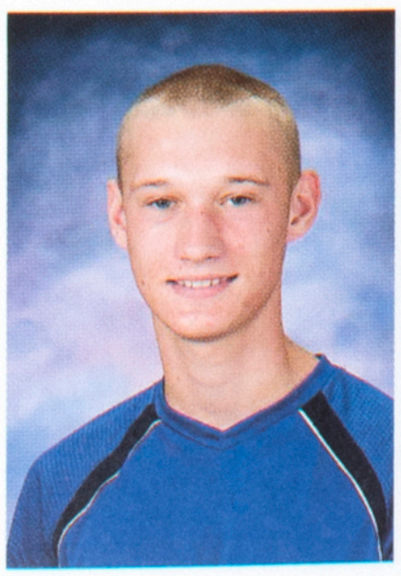

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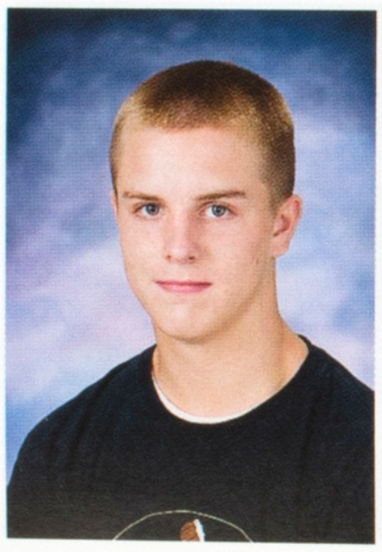
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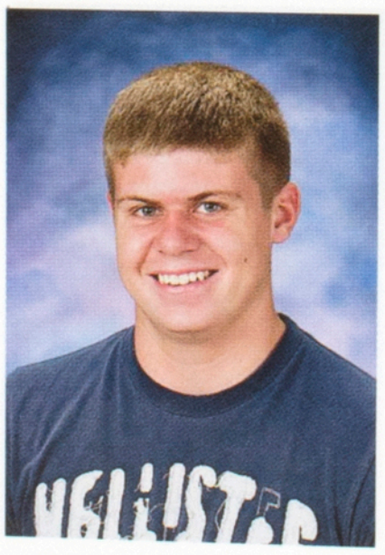
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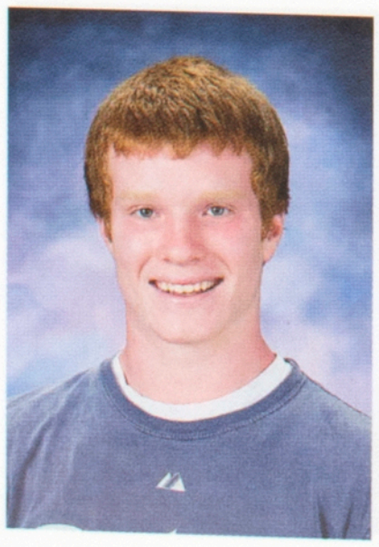


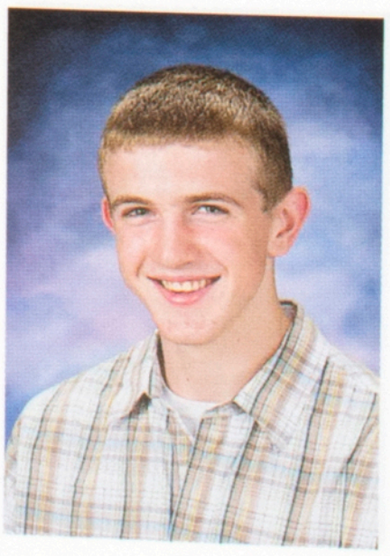
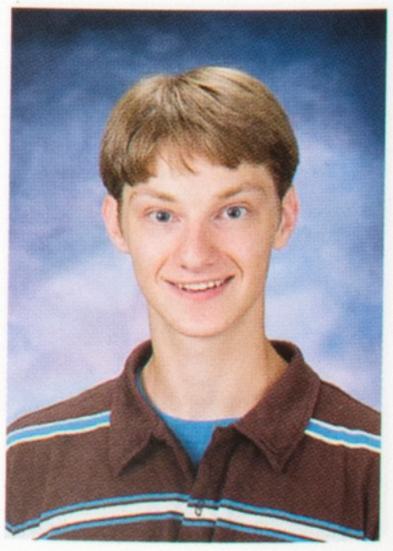
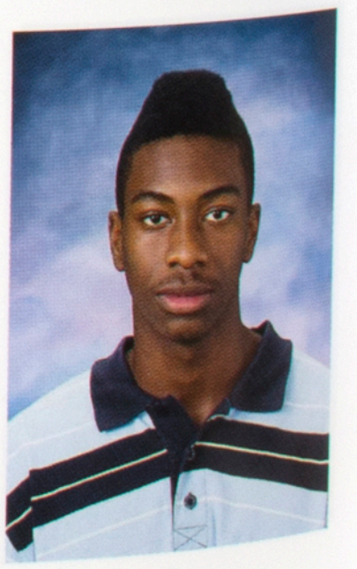
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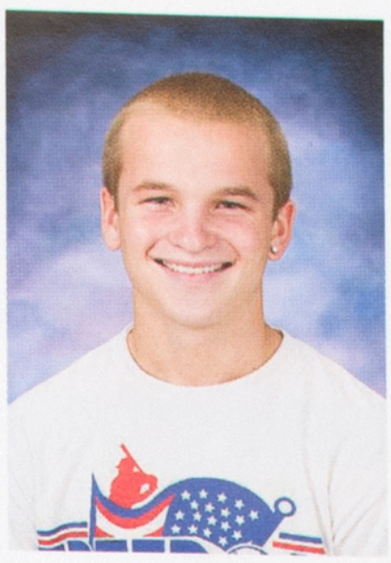




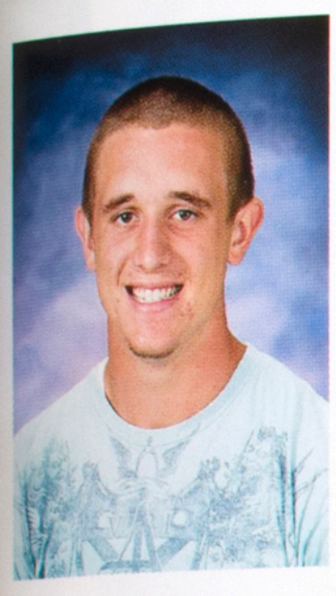








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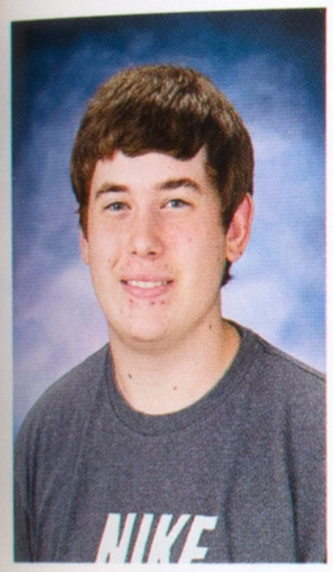






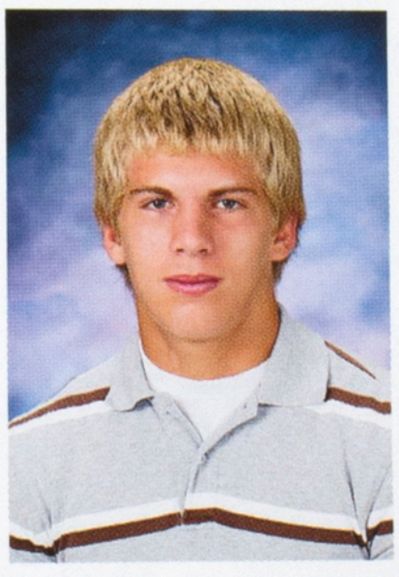


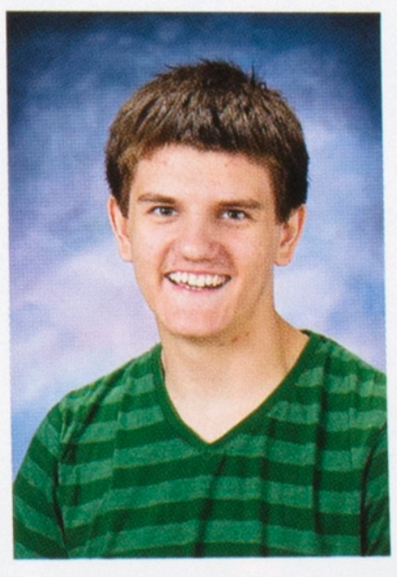
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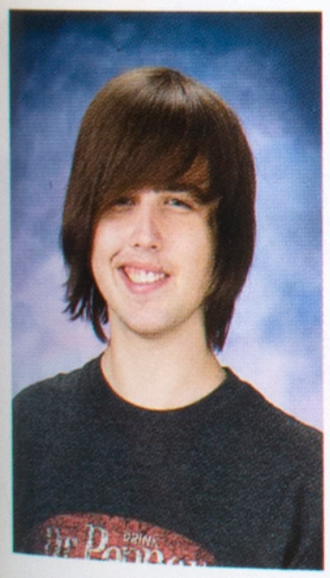








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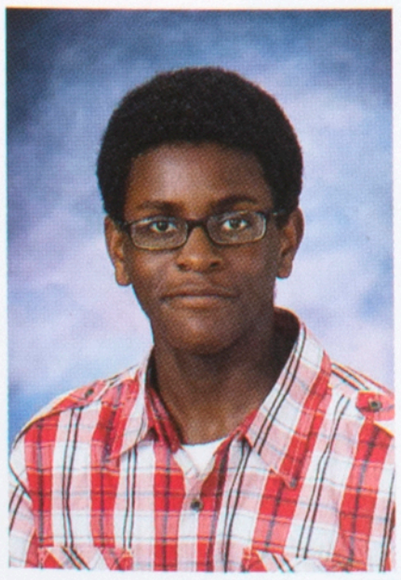






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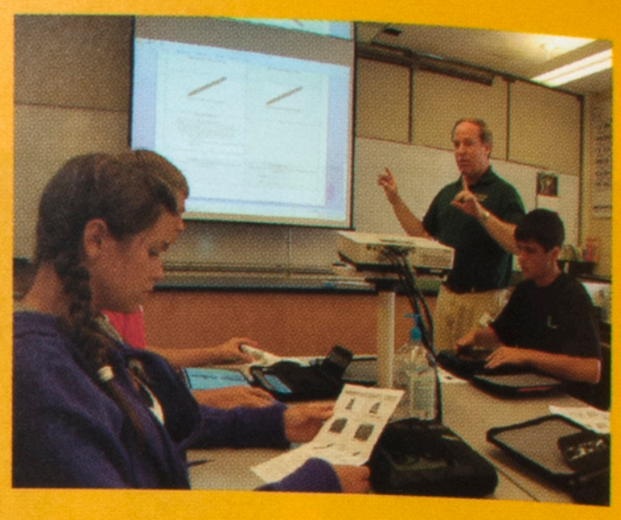


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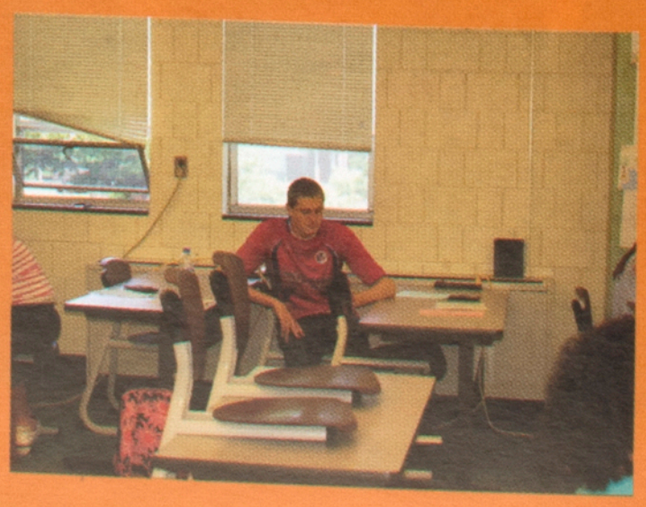


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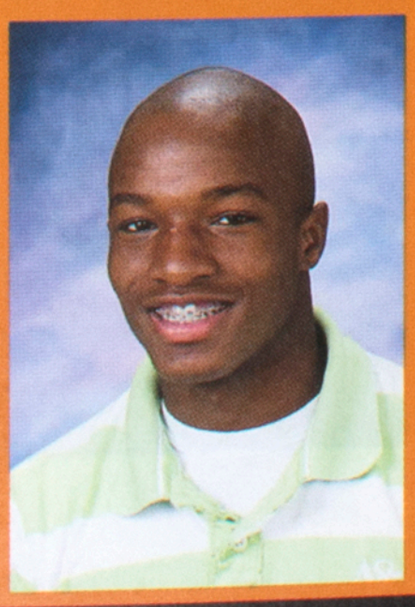














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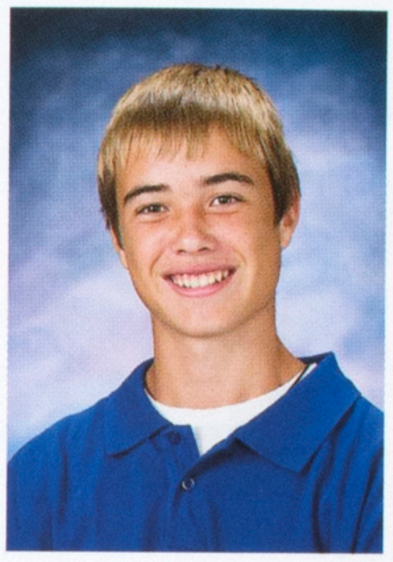
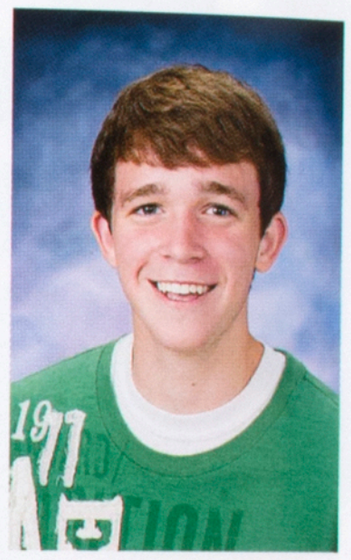






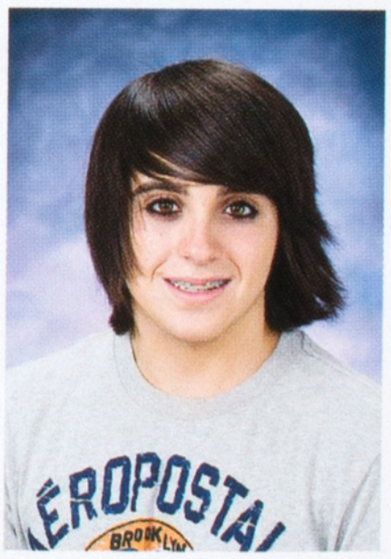
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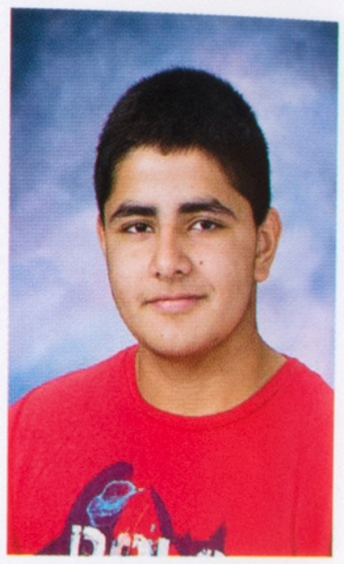




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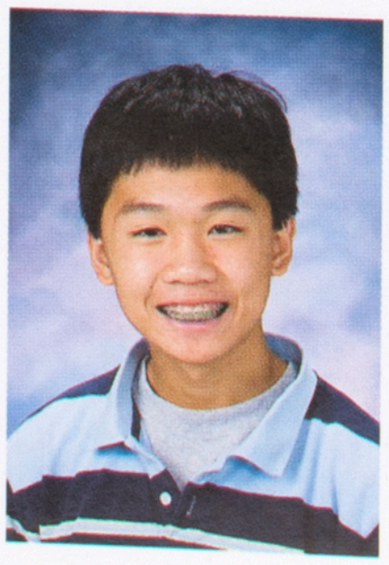
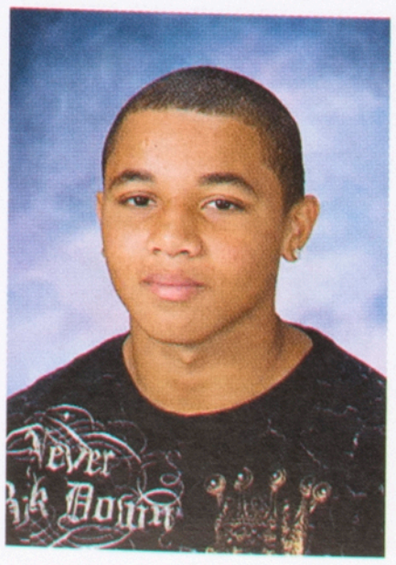
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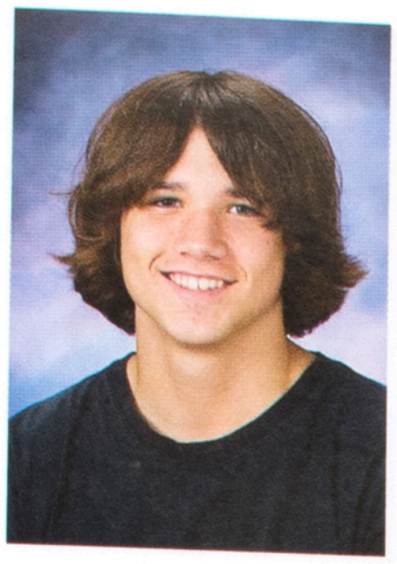


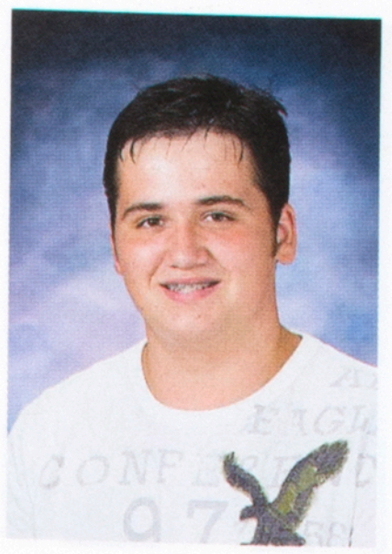
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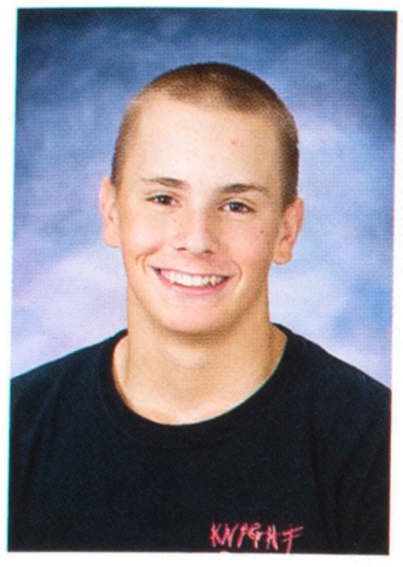


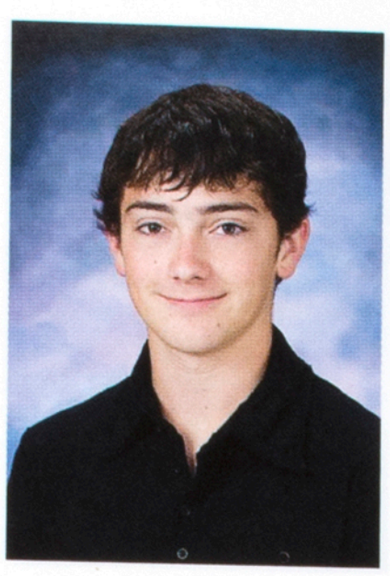




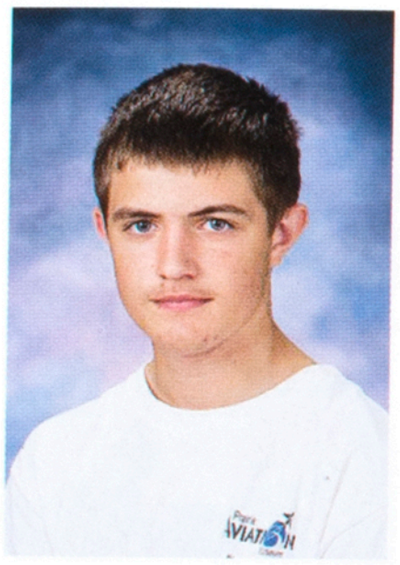


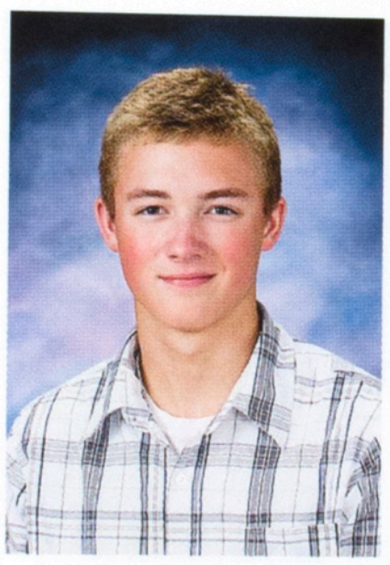
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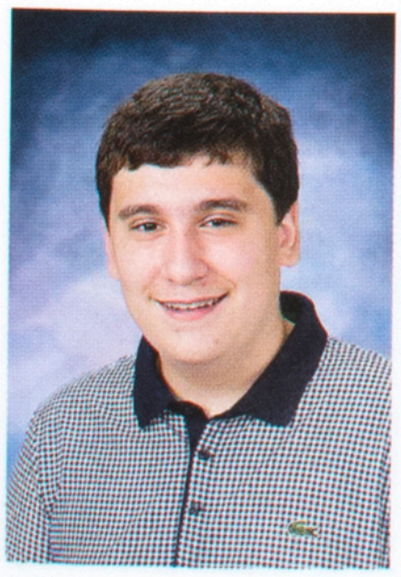

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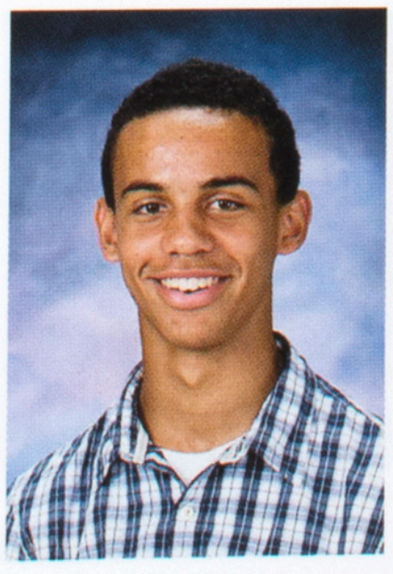






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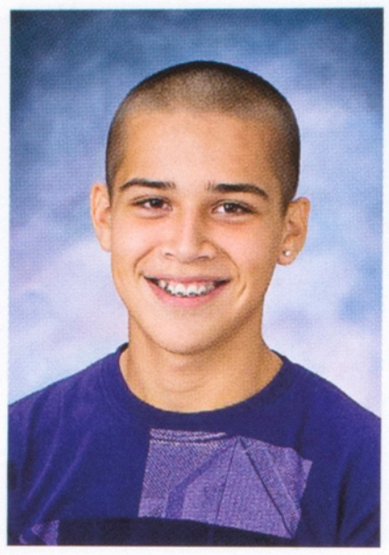
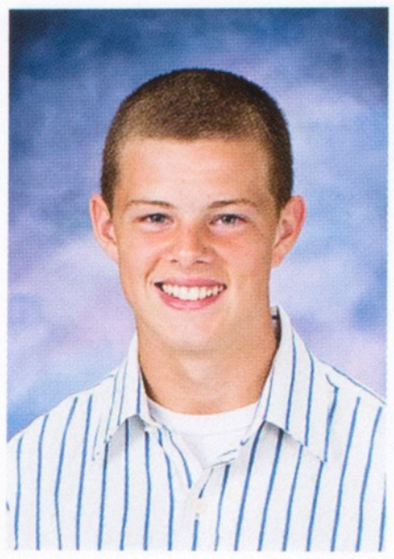
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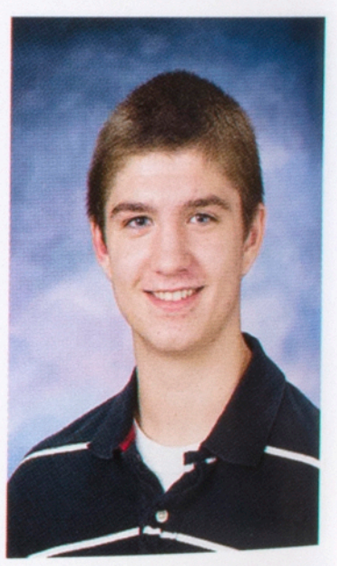






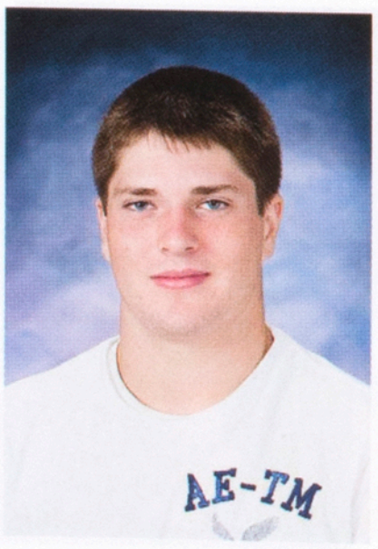
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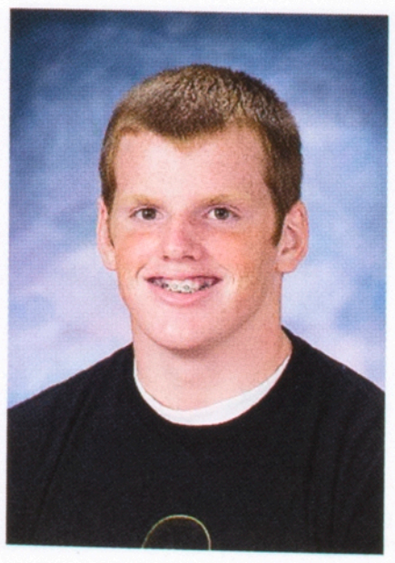


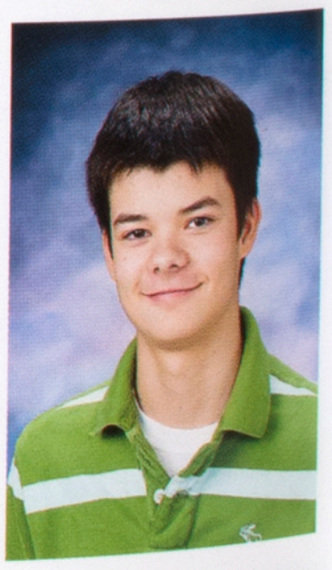




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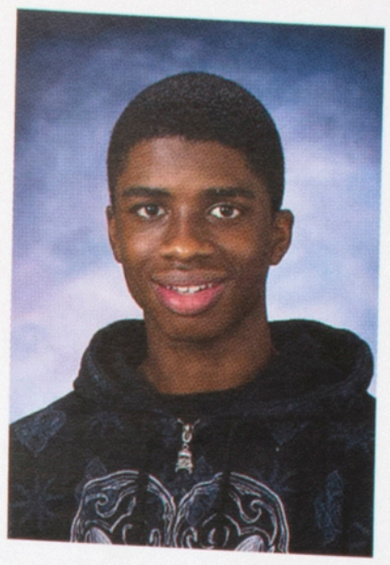












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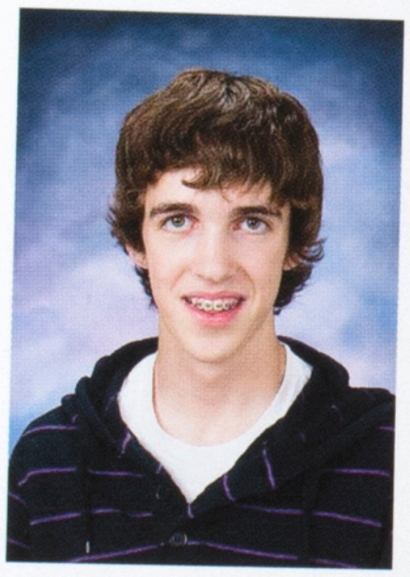


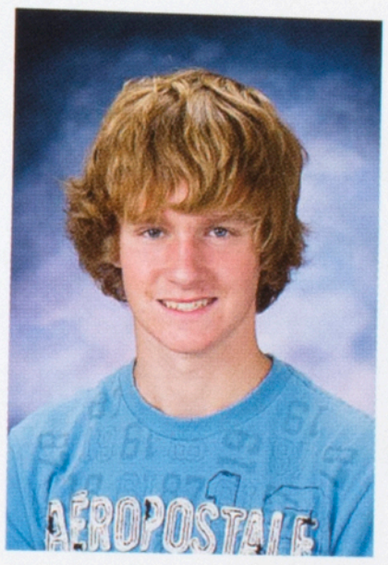




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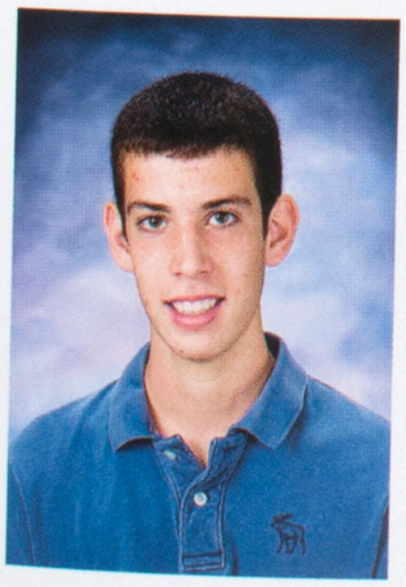
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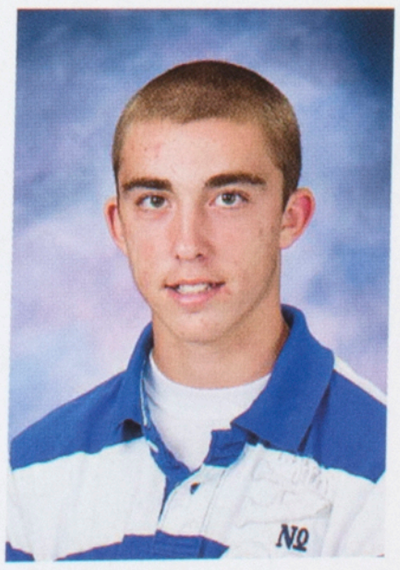






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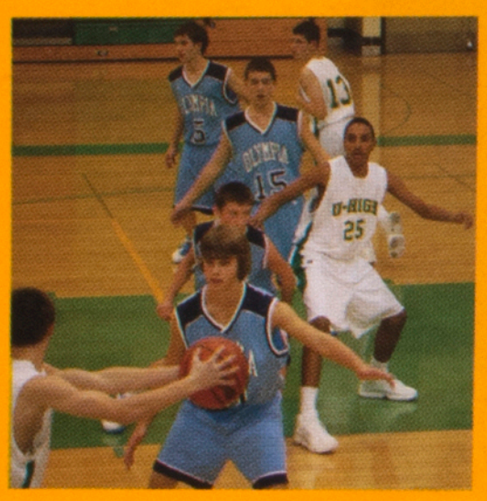



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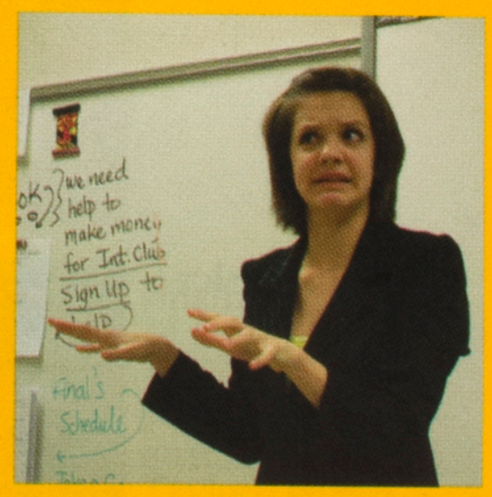





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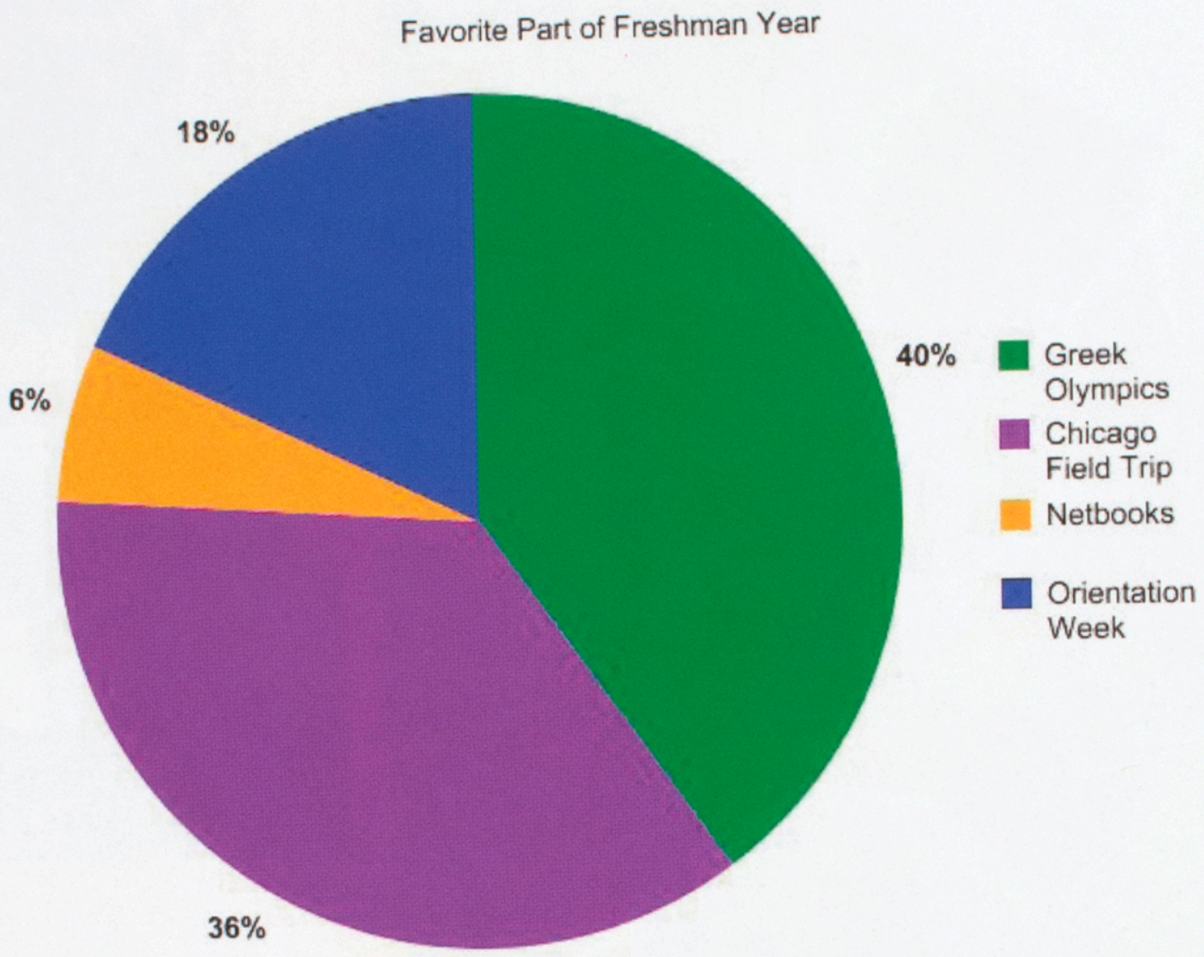

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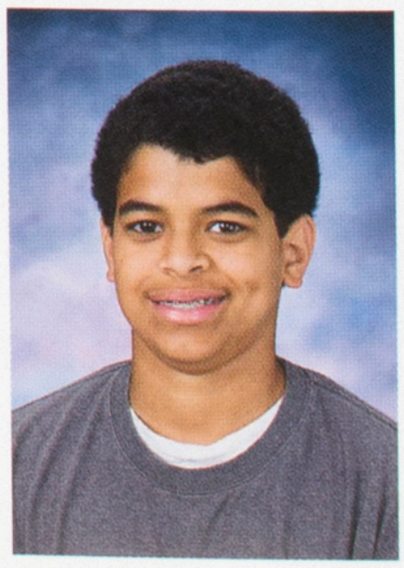
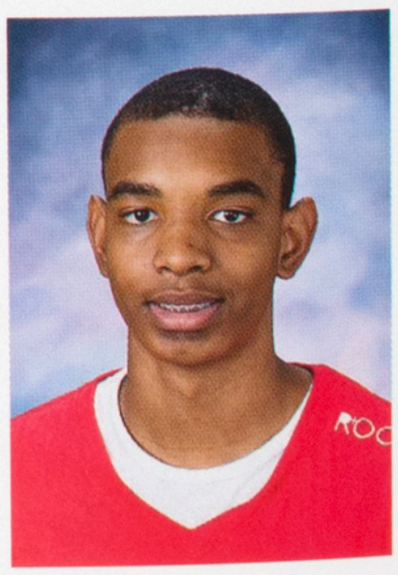
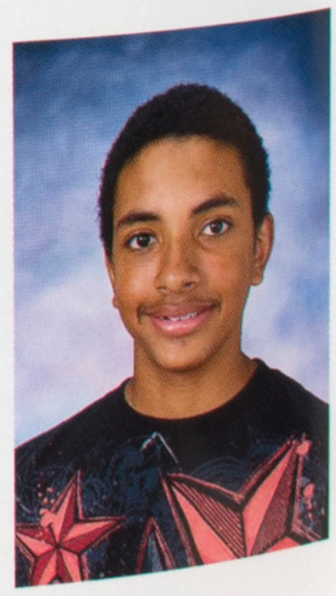






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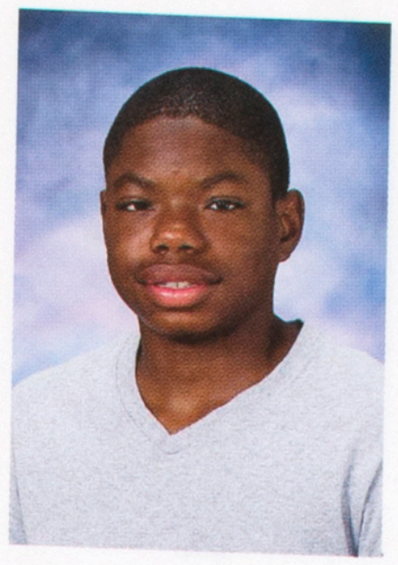














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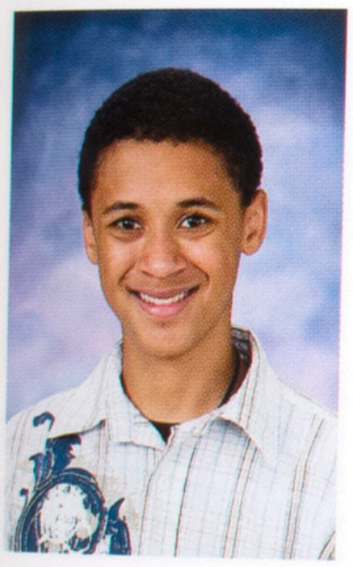








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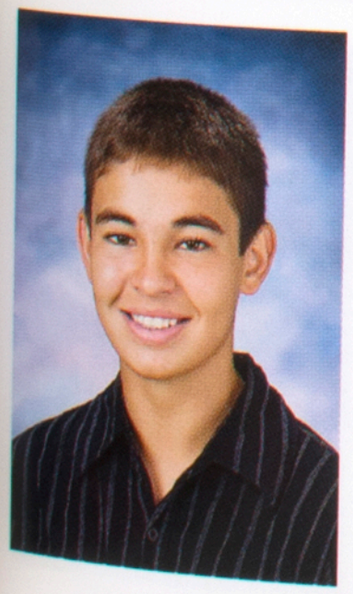








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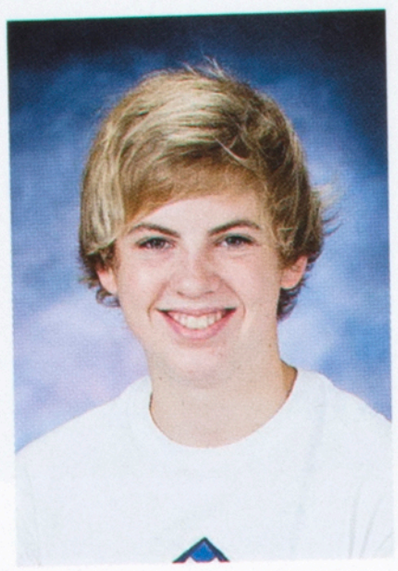






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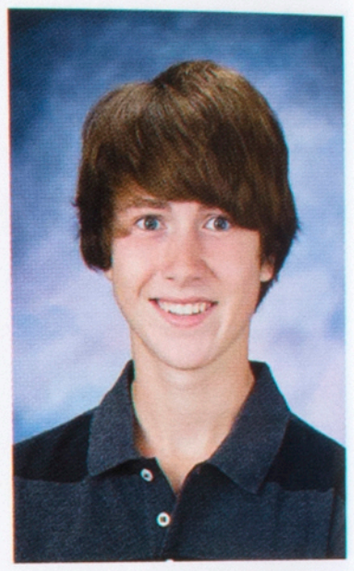




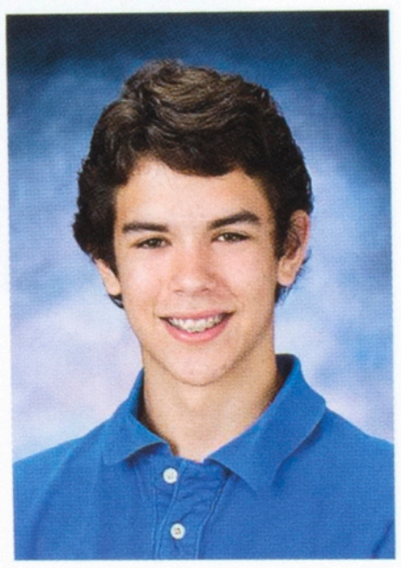
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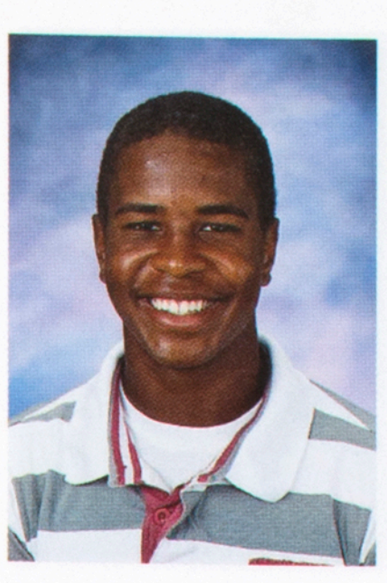




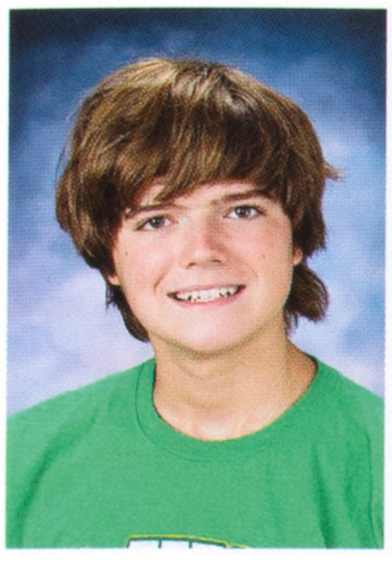


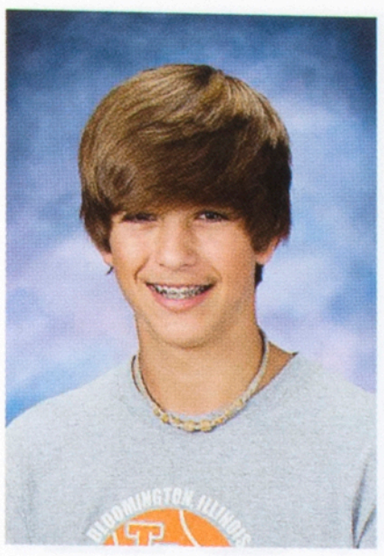




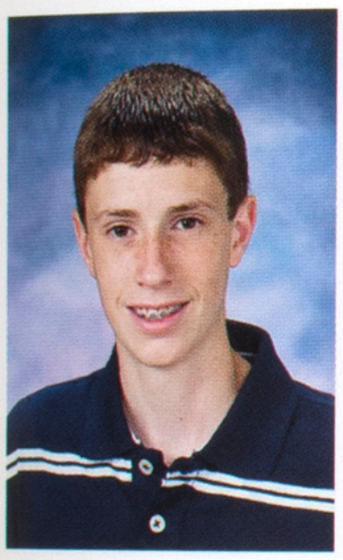
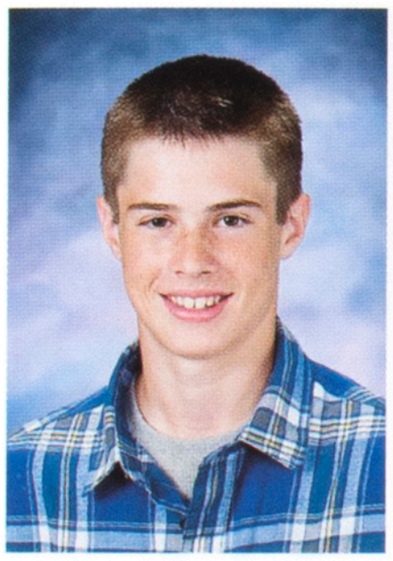
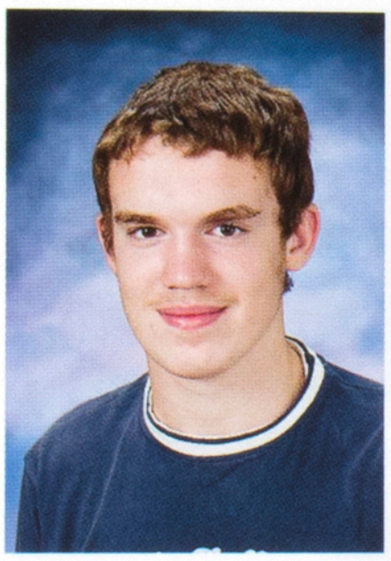



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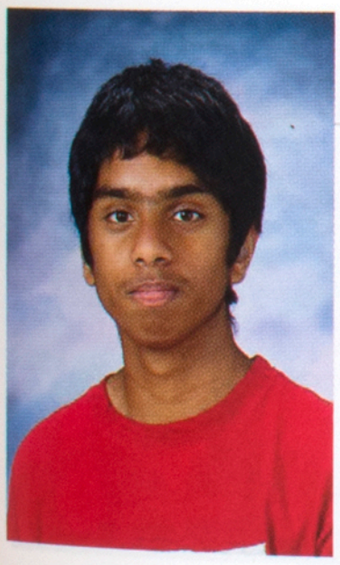



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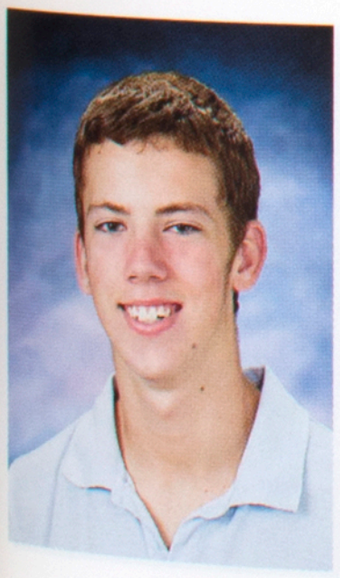
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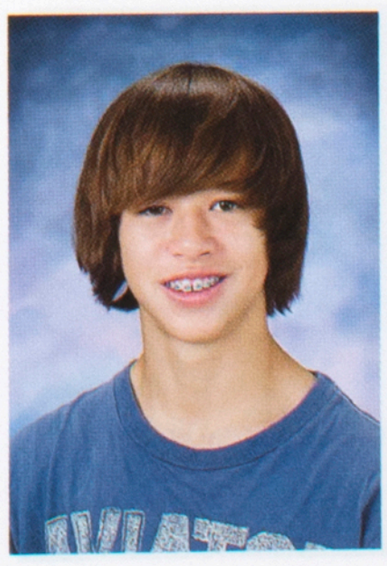




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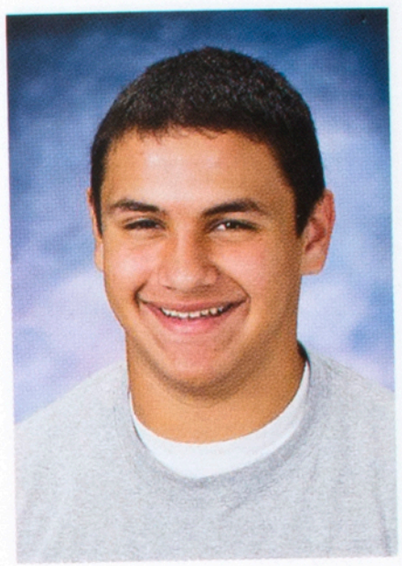






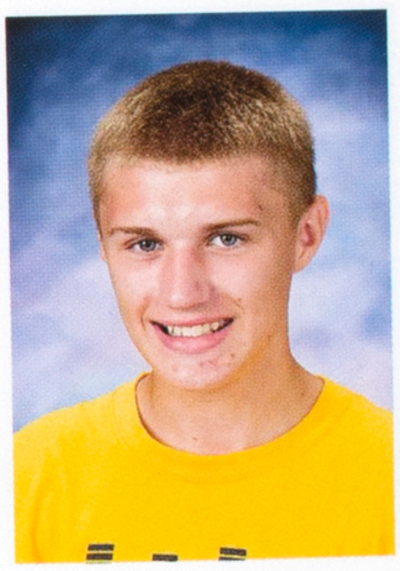
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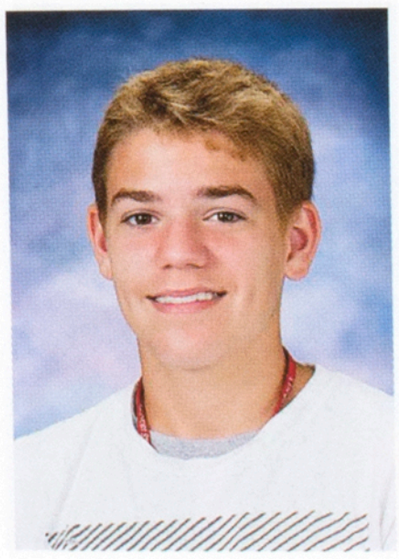

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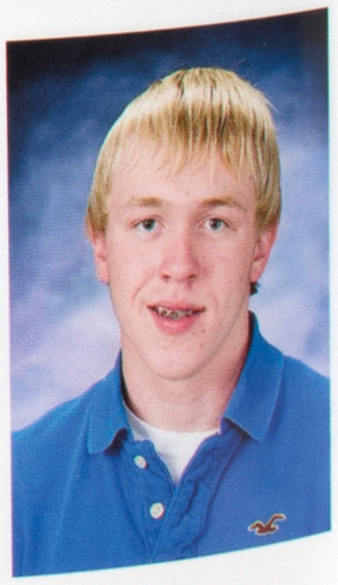




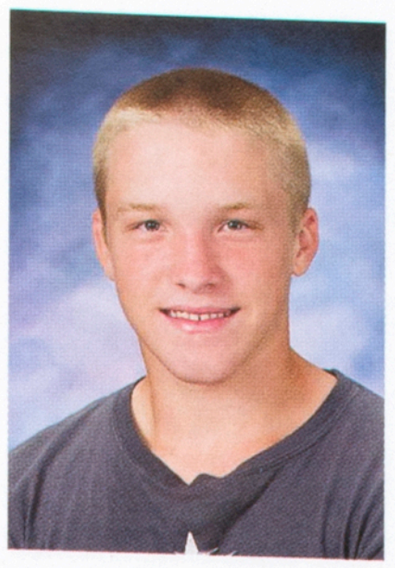
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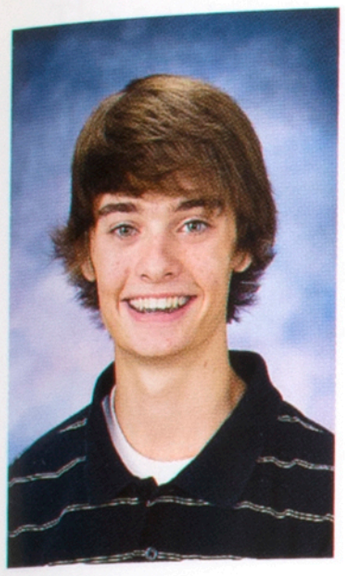






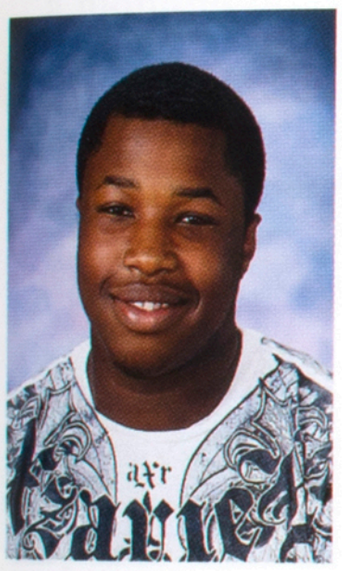

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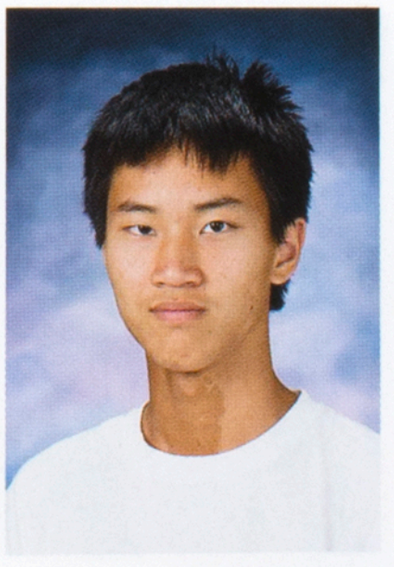




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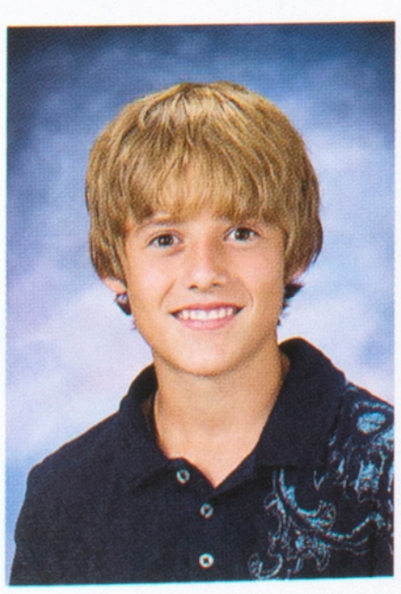






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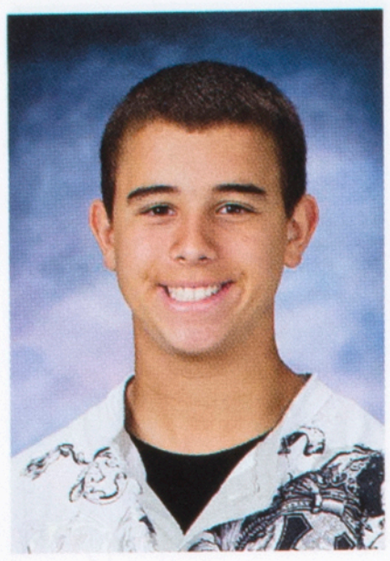






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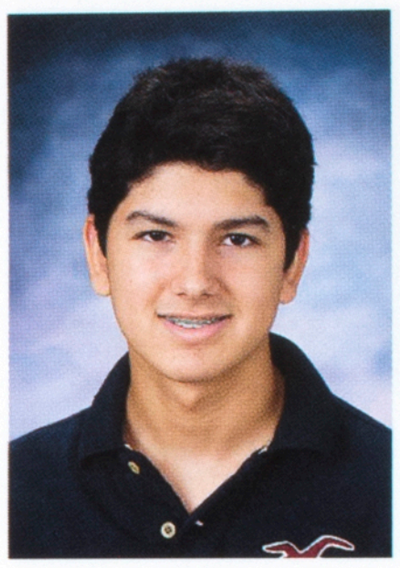
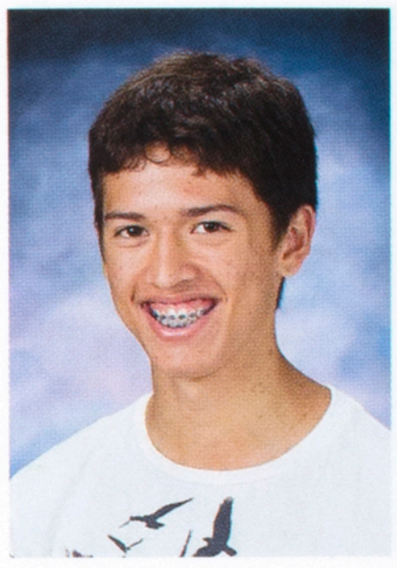
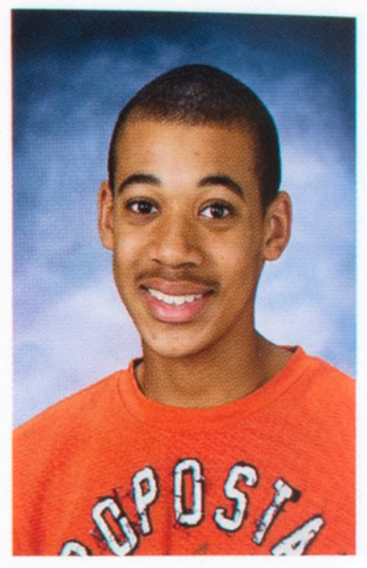







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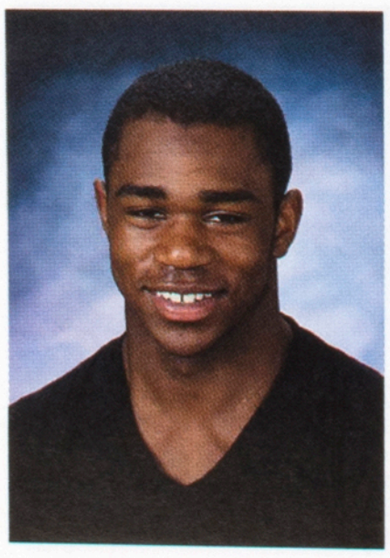
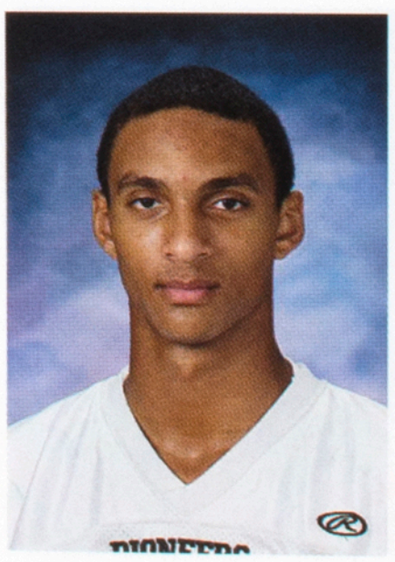
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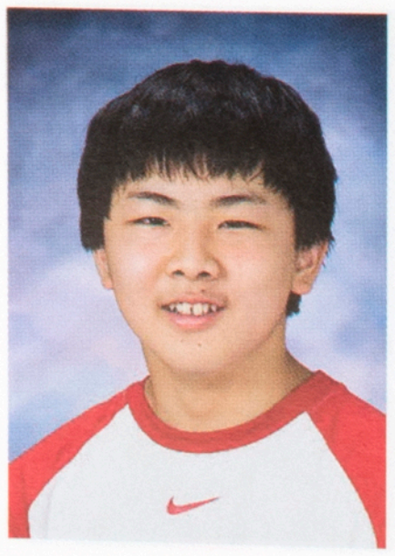
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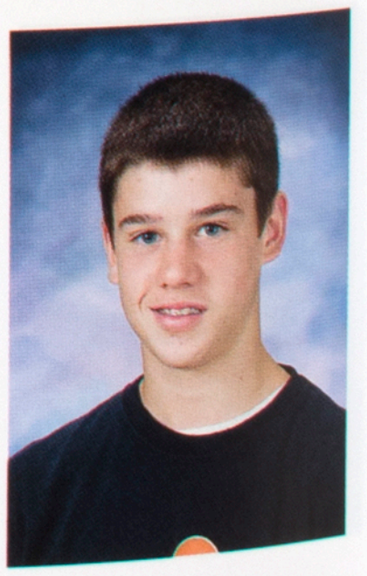






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Freshman Olympics

The freshmen ended their month-long study of Ancient Greece with competition, relays, cheers, and food that were all a part of the 3rd Annual Greek Olympics on Tuesday, November 23rd.

There were six teams that rivaled against each other in a series of events. The teams were red, blue, black, gold, green and white. The activities included a team-coordinated cheer, pentathlon, armor relay, olive relay, chariot race, a Greek food eating contest, and ended with a feast of gyros and fries.

The Olympics were not only a fun way to let students learn but they were also a way for the freshman students to work as a team.

Freshman biology teacher Stephen Evans said that he was pleased to see the teamwork that was performed.

"I feel like the overall Greek Olympics is a monumental event for freshmen students. This year was very similar to the past couple years in the sense that all students are eager to participate and try their best in order to win the competitions. It is awesome to see every freshman in the gym working as teams and enjoying the activities," said Evans.

A favorite was the Greek feast, which included five people from every team, each person having to eat one of the five foods: olives, goat cheese, goat milk, figs, or an oyster. Evans said this event was the most entertaining to watch.

"My favorite part of the Olympics was the Greek feast. There is nothing better than to watch students struggle to chew down a giant pile of goat cheese or swallow an oyster the size of a baby's hand," said Evans.

Teachers are not the only ones having a good time while learning too. Freshman Evan Berryman, a gold team member, said it was a creative way to learn.

"I really enjoyed the Greek Olympics, they were a fun way to end the week and a really fun way to experience the culture of Greece that we had been studying. Even though we lost I wish we could do that again," Berryman said.

The gold team wasn't the only one to fall behind the dominating red team. The ending scores were 62 for the red team, 37 for the blue team, 32 for the black team, 18 for the green team, 16 for the gold team, and 12 for the white team.

Freshman Gabi Jacobs, a member of the winning team, said that she enjoyed the Olympics and that spirit is the key to success.

"I think the reason we won was because we had great spirit and didn't give up even when we were third or fourth place," said Jacobs. "The event overall was very very fun; I'm super impressed with what Evans can do in the gym for three hours."

By Kelly Berryman



Above: The red team cheers on their teammates during the Freshman Olympics. Right: Freshmen compete in the relay races.







Left to Right: The black team celebrates a victory. Freshmen English teacher Amy Reiman jumps up in excitement after her team wins the Freshman Olympics.



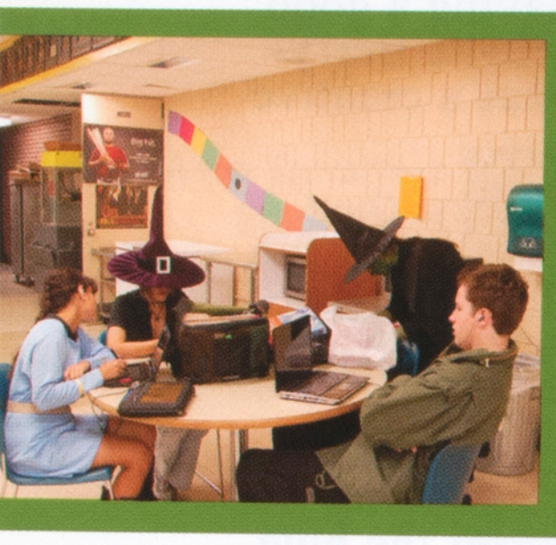
Above: The red team hold up their trophy after winning the Freshman Olympics. Right: Freshman Natalie Dong competes in the food eating contest during the Olympics.



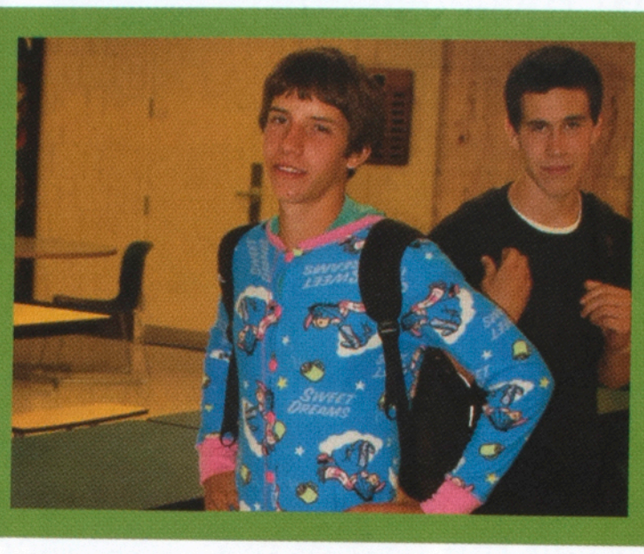
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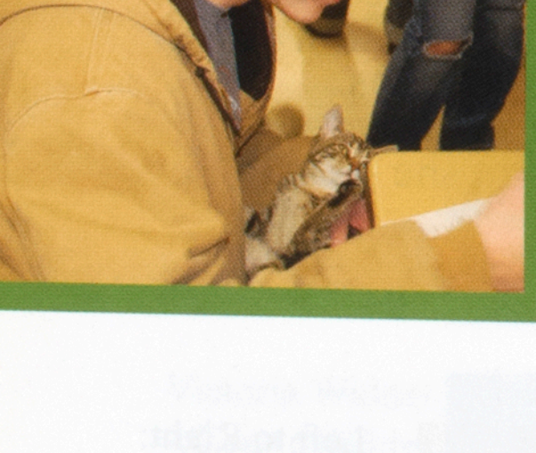


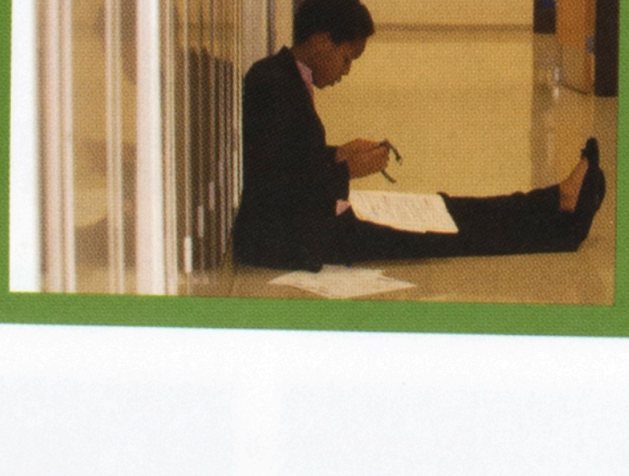




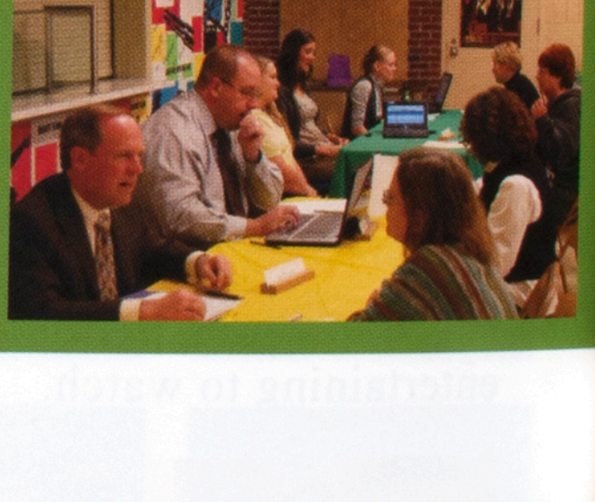




















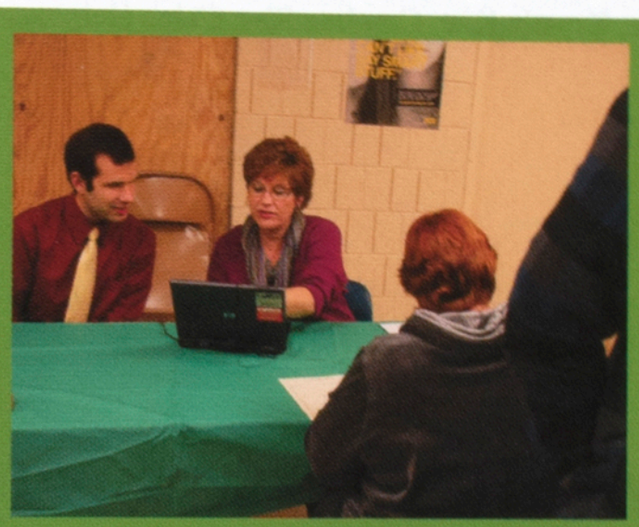


















Anime Club



Front Row: Katie Roberts, Nate Holland, Marta Ayele, Dave Hepler
Row 2: Sullivan Peterson-Quinn, Arik Henning, Mariah Williamson, Srishti Goel, Nick France
Row 3: Ray St. John, Brandon Bogue, Krystle Koe, Caroline Ray, Caleb Helpingstine, Aimee Brinkman

Art Club



Front Row: Sullivan Peterson-Quinn, Aimee Brinkman, Deepika Nagarajan, Gracyn Paul, Brie Hines, Allysa Reuter, Anna Trevarthan, Lauren Whiting, Dylan Karraker
Row 2: Anna Zaitzeff, Jenny Darrow, Carley Frank, Scott Feid, Tatyana Peck, Stevie Stearns, Bill Kinsella, Alexis Prenzler, Maggie Shane, Sydney Bickerstaff
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Row 4 : Elizabeth Kelly, Daniel Gibson, Parker Ives, Chris Ruud, Arik Henning, Nate Holland, Shelby Yoder, Faith Phares, Isabel Park, Jessica Elliott, Marie Coughlin, Mark Nalefski

Brome and Beyond



Front Row: Marissa Diekhoff, Ricardo Cortez De La Cruz II, Samantha Walker
Row 2:Marta Ayele, Jess Michels, Emma Blyth, Katie Newport

Chess Team



Front Row: Blake Kunger, John Hamilton, Jordan Evans, Stephan Wetter, Michael Braun
Row 2: John Tian, Ray St. John, Drew Potter, Dr. Mike Braden, Tim Hatch, Cole Frank

Concert band



Front Row: Sam Totten, Steven Greeneberg, Catherine Holland, Sienna Reuter, Emma Waltner, Taihla Eddins, Deanna Olson, Mark Cordero, Sara Goebel, Stephanie Adams, Allison Richards, Brendan Hoskins, Katherine Hepler
Row 2:Emily Donnel, Jessica Woodall, Emilee Gibson, Lexie Greeneberg, Linnea Griffin, Katie Roberts, Julia Fitch, Hannah Kiel, Mimi Dong, Becky Lovell, Flannery Cash, Tessa Eckley, Tyler Maubach, Hannah Schueler
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Row 6: Brandon Bogue, Cole Hoffbauer, Emily Tuttle, Cymone Wilder, Steven Kiel, Anna Fritz, Brian Tanaka, Ben Henderson, Francis Favis, Chris Walbert, Luke Mays, Megan Helms, Josh Parton, Preston Harris

Connections



Front Row: Clayton Hamilton, Jim Munson
Row 2: Sankhya Amaravadi, Janie McMahon, Emily France, Jane McCullough, Jack Schweers, Gabrielle Tran, Dixie Lewis
Row 3: Elizabeth Kelly, Stephanie Carlson, Brandon Bogue, Rachel Gocker, Erin Sondgeroth

Court Singers



Front Row: Carly McShane, Michael Braun, Joelle Friesen.
Row 2: Tori Morgan, Kinsey Hamara, Audrey Keen, Kailey Mixer, Kayla Palmer. Linnea Griffin.
Row 3: Ethan Schueler, Ryan Cavallo, Kayla Cummings, Caroline Ray, Rachel Weaver, Jon Alden, Madison Oakley, Sachi Nagase, Emily Vasquez, Bud Kessler, Chris Fryer

Dance Team



Front Row: Mackenzie Anderson, Nathalie Kiesewetter, Jada Peterson
Row 2: Sydney Bickerstaff, Anna Fritz, Demi Fritz, Taihla Eddins
Row 3: Allison Frey, Haylee Weakley, Liz Lindenmeier, Emma Blyth

DEBATE TEAM



Front Row: Joel Gebhardt, Catherine Holland, Janie McMahon, Demi Fritz, Kali Riddell
Row 2: Stephanie Carlson, Emily Vazquez, Nick Paul, Nate May, Mark Adams
Row 3: Mariah Williamson, Alex Wolansky, Matias Wolansky, Alejandro Vallejo, Jake Oakley

EARTH CLUB



Front Row: Annie Showers, Deanna Olson, Rachel Weaver, Erika Simple
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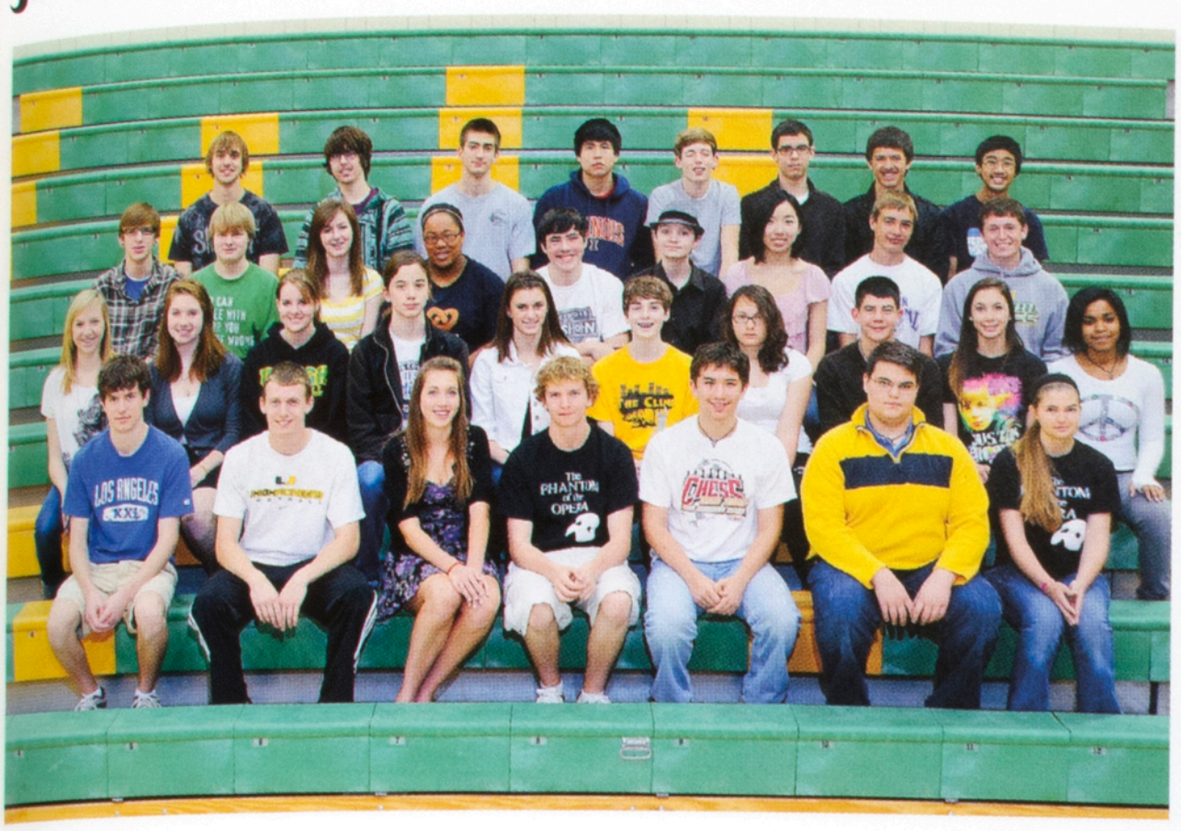
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GSA



Front Row: Audrey Keen,Tara Crampton, John Finch, Andy Davis
Row 2: Madison Oakley, Megan Leary, Kylie Maurer, Aleta Cardinal, Sabrina Miller
Row 3: Jake Oakley, Katie Newport, Jess Michels, Katie Lane, Jenny Darrow

JAZZ BANDS



Front Row: Sam Mueting, Jon Ray, Haylee Weakly, Michael Braun, John Ryan Hamilton, Blake Kruger, Katherine Hepler
Row 2: Rachel Weaver, Kiara Vance, Melanie Goebel, Brandon Bogue, Demi Fritz, Cole Hoffbauer, Becky Lovell, Chris Fryer, Madi Abel, Taylor Pledger
Row 3: Preston Harris, David Hepler, Emily Tuttle, Cymone Wilder, Andrew Scott, Sullivan Peterson-Quinn, Mimi Dong, Adam Bruno, Alex Gorsuch
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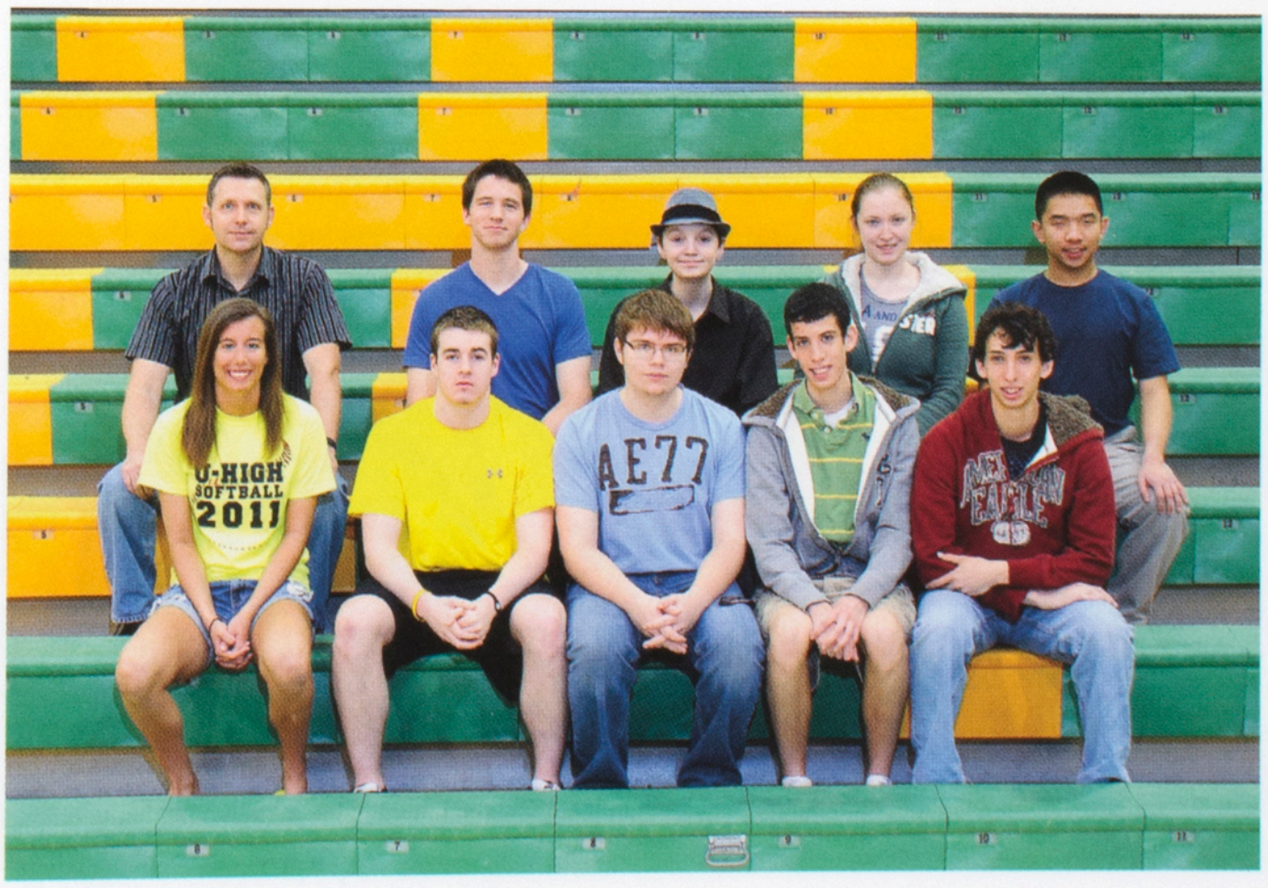
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Row 4: Jess Michels, Austin Monteith, Kelly Berryman, Haley Sauve

KEY CLUB



Front Row: AJ Bruns, Isabel Park, Faith Phares, Zack Billingsley, Jane McCullough, Emily France, Ali Lohr, Rachel Weaver, Deepika Nagarajan, Anna Trevarthan, Ashley Collins, Jami Kunde
Row 2: Brian McCarthy, Ally Byerly, Megan Helms, Mariah Williamson, Jenny Darrow, Carley Frank, Deanna Olson, Christy Dail, Lauren Whiting, Rachel Berg, Jessica Collins-Appel
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Row 4: Jim Munson, Mark Nalefski, Dustin Fox, Josh Ashley, Will Provosty, Myles Shane, Michael Guo, Chris Ruud, Grant Guttschow

LIBERTY CLUB



Front Row:: Mia Hartung, Brennon Elsas, Arik Henning, Alex Wolansky, Matias Wolansky
Row 2 : Mike Henning, Chris Ruud, Sullivan Peterson-Quinn, Stephanie Carlson, Stephen Chow

Library Book Club



Front Row: Kayla Cummings, Sankhya Amaravadi, Annie Showers, Rachel Berg, Amy Bondo
Row 2: Katie Roberts, Anna Zaitzeff, Flannery Cash, Morgan Cross, Sabrina Miller, Julia Fitch
Row 3: Aimee Blinkmann, Krystle Koe, Marta Ayele, Caleb Helpingstine, Sullivan Peterson-Quinn

Math Team



Front Row: Mariah Williamson, CJ Miller, Marta Ayele, Kelsey Williams, Traci Olson, Katherine Hepler
Row 2: Demi Fritz, Hannah Schueler, Christy Dail, Emily Tuttle, Krystle Koe, Erin Sondgeroth, Megan Helms, Mimi Dong
Row 3: John Mueting, Zack Rowatt, Jordan Evans, John Hamilton, Ethan Schueler, Benjamin Moy, Cole Hoffbauer
Row 4: Austin Butorac, Michael Guo, Christopher Nardone, Tyler Shaw

NHS



Front Row: Danie Reece, Emily Donnel, Emma Blyth, Anna Weis, Jane McCullough, Kelsey Emmert, Ali Lohr, Jessica Elliott, David Castillo, KJ Rohman, Anna Fritz, Kali Riddell, Sarah Telling, Chloe Hundman
Row 2: Kristin Weaver, Sydney Bickerstaff, Cheyenne Bowers, Morgan Sondgeroth, Nick Paul, Zack Billingsley, Nate May, Lydia Wilson, Faiza Ali, Janie McMahon, Carley Frank, Jenny Darrow
Row 3: Marissa Diekhoff, Evan Swiech, Stephanie Carlson, Marta Ayele, Arik Henning, Katie Newport, Katie Sandage, Zack Taylor, Katie Roberts, Alex Parlette

Orchesis



Front Row: Samantha Supan, Allison Frey, Nathalie Kiesewetter, Sydney Bickerstaff, Audrey Keen, Kylie Mauer, Megan Leary, Taihla Eddins, Paige Thomas, Kahlie Kilcher, Carly McShane
Row 2: Erin Hutchins, Faith Phares, Hannah Hotzel, Katie Sandage, Kaitlyn Dossett, Madison Abel, Katie Newport, Kelsey Shaw, Whitney Pledger, Amanda Nibbelin
Row 3: Traci Olson, Aleesa Brooks, Rachel Dearing, Zack Taylor, Madison Oakley, John Finch

Outdoor club



Front Row: Parker Ives, Anthony Pegg, Matt Donovan, Mia Hartung, Charlie Volz
Row 2: Sullivan Peterson-Quinn, Daniel Gibson, Alex Wolansky, Thomas Butorac, Riley Dale, Stephen Chow
Row 3: Brennon Elsas, Darren King, Zack Billingsley, Chris Ruud, Mark Nalefski, Dustin Fox, Connor Bailey

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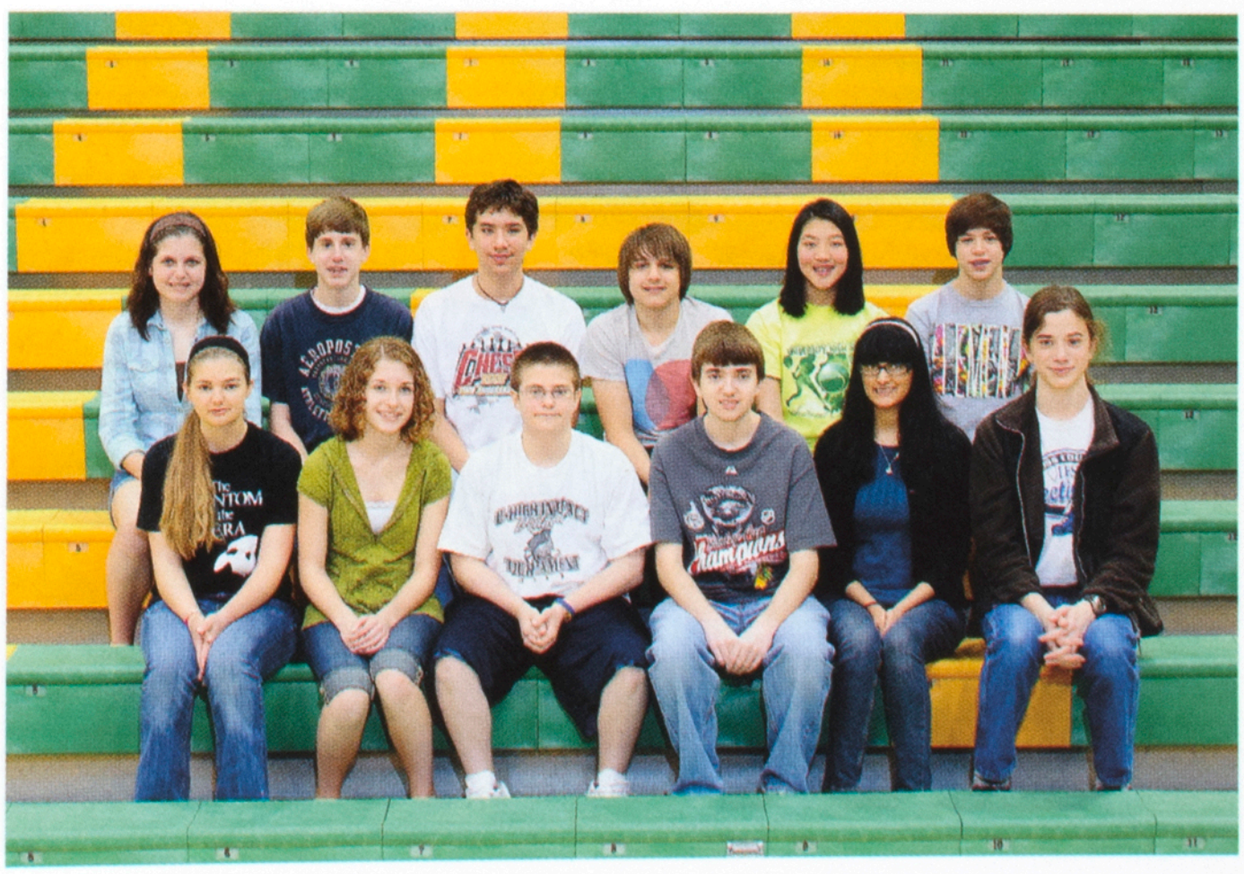
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Row 3: Marie Coughlin, Anna Fritz, Lily Montesdeoca, Deanna Olson, Alyssa Corbitt, Morgan Sondgeroth, Haylee Weakley, Demi Fritz, Kayla Palmer
Row 4: Jacob Hendren, Michael Guo, Mark Nalefski, Josh Ashley, Dustin Fox, Srishti Goel, Brady Bunton, Zach Weilbacher, Andy Cochran

Scholastic Bowl



Front Row: Katherine Hepler, Megan Helms, Zack Rowatt, Austin Monteith, Sankhya Amaravadi, Brandon Bogue
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Senate



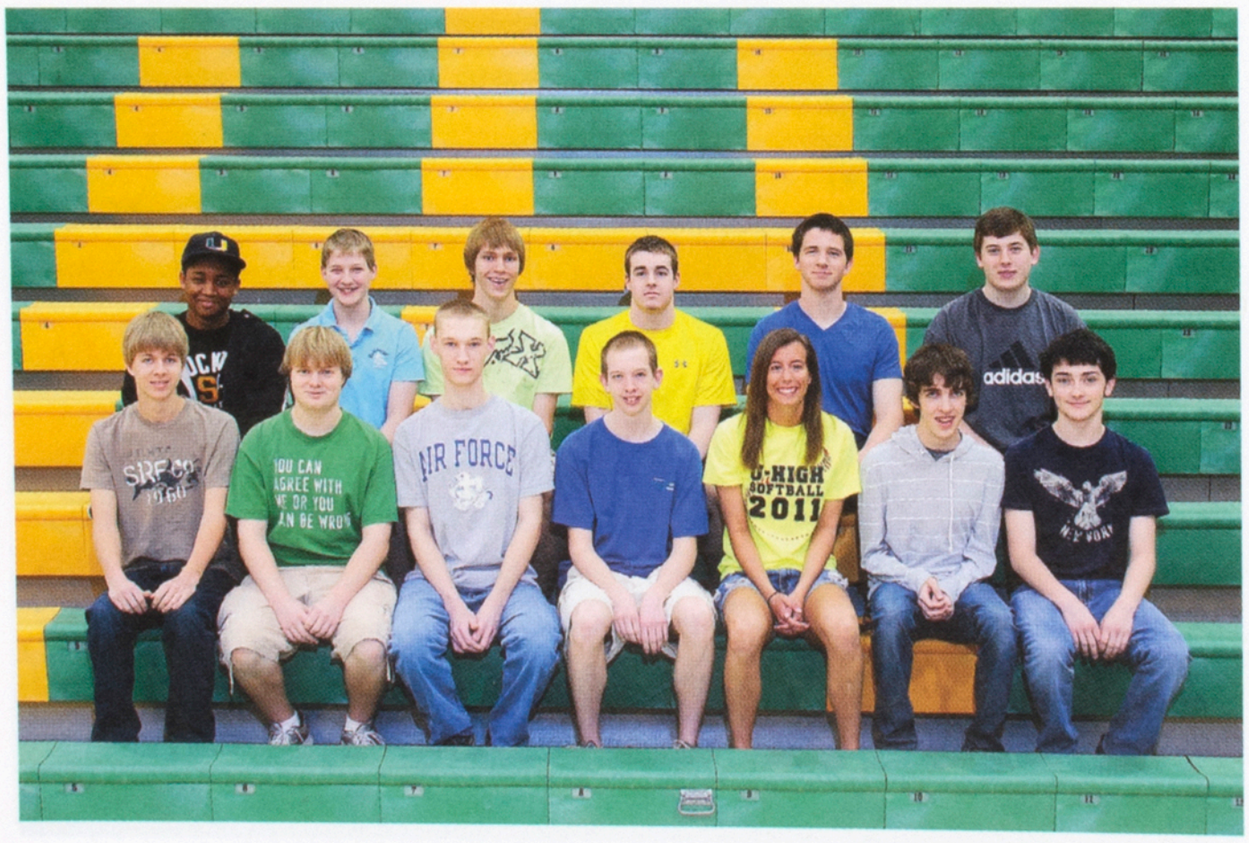
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Row 3: Wesley Ward, Morgan Cross, Allyson Auth, Anna Prenzler, Nathalie Kiesewetter, Ej Newble
Row 4: Luke Otto, Kate Martinie, Demi Fritz, Erin Sondgeroth, Gabrielle Tran, Bryan Sengsay

Speech Team



Front Row: Katie Newport, Whitney Pledger, Kambria Vance, Mark Adams
Row 2: Jay Simmons, Rachel Weaver, Evan Swiech, Paige Thomas, Adam Przybylski, Alison Ogunmokun, Audrey Keen, Kelcey McKeown, Srishti Goel, Anna Weis
Row 3: Jenna Przybylski, Marissa Diekhoff, Erin Hutchins, Zack Taylor, Mariah Willamson, Morgan Cross, Sadie Skibo, Nate May, Grant Guttschow, Blake Kruger
Row 4: Madison Oakley, Garrett Medlock, Jess Michels, Kenzie Taylor, Kylie Maurer, Benjamin Edwards, Brandon Patkunas, Bud Kessler, Becca Gocker, Jake Oakley

Technology Club



Front Row: Parker Ives, Dave Hepler, Brock Porter, Matt Donovan, Mia Hartung, Alex Walling, Bailey McNulty
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Thespians



Front Row: Audrey Keen, Taihla Eddins, Katie Newport, Whitney Pledger, Adam Przybylski, Erin Hutchins, Asha Woods, Emma Blyth, John Finch, Anna Weis, Erin Smith
Row 2: Zack Taylor, Morgan Sondgeroth, Marta Ayele, Evan Swiech, Madison Oakley, Garrett Medlock, Annie Showers, Rachel Weaver, Ashanti Scott, Carly McShane, Jay Simmons
Row 3: Tyler Maubach, Duncan Harris, Adam Falasz, Dave Hepler, Brock Porter, Haylee Weakly, Amanda Nibbelin, Katie Lane, Jenna Przybylski, Jon Alden, Brandon Bogue
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Wind Ensemble



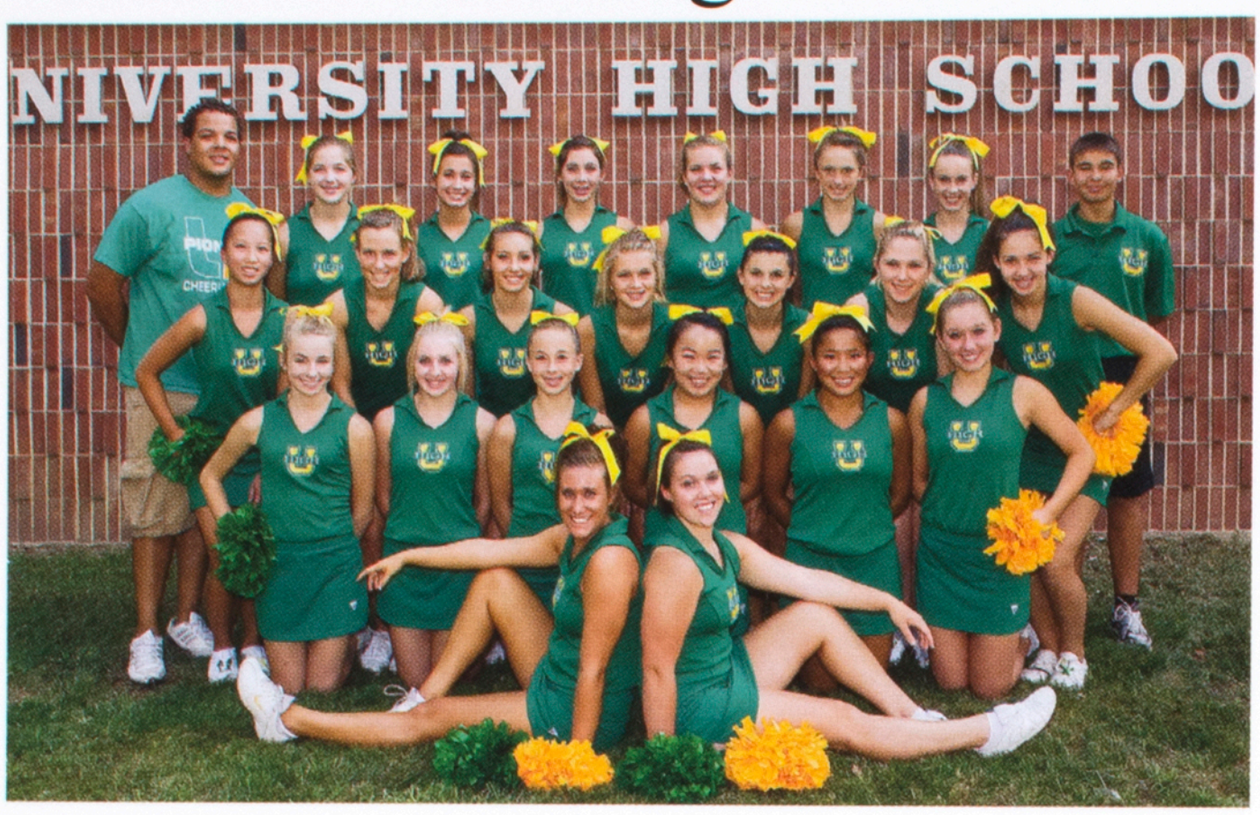
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WYSE club



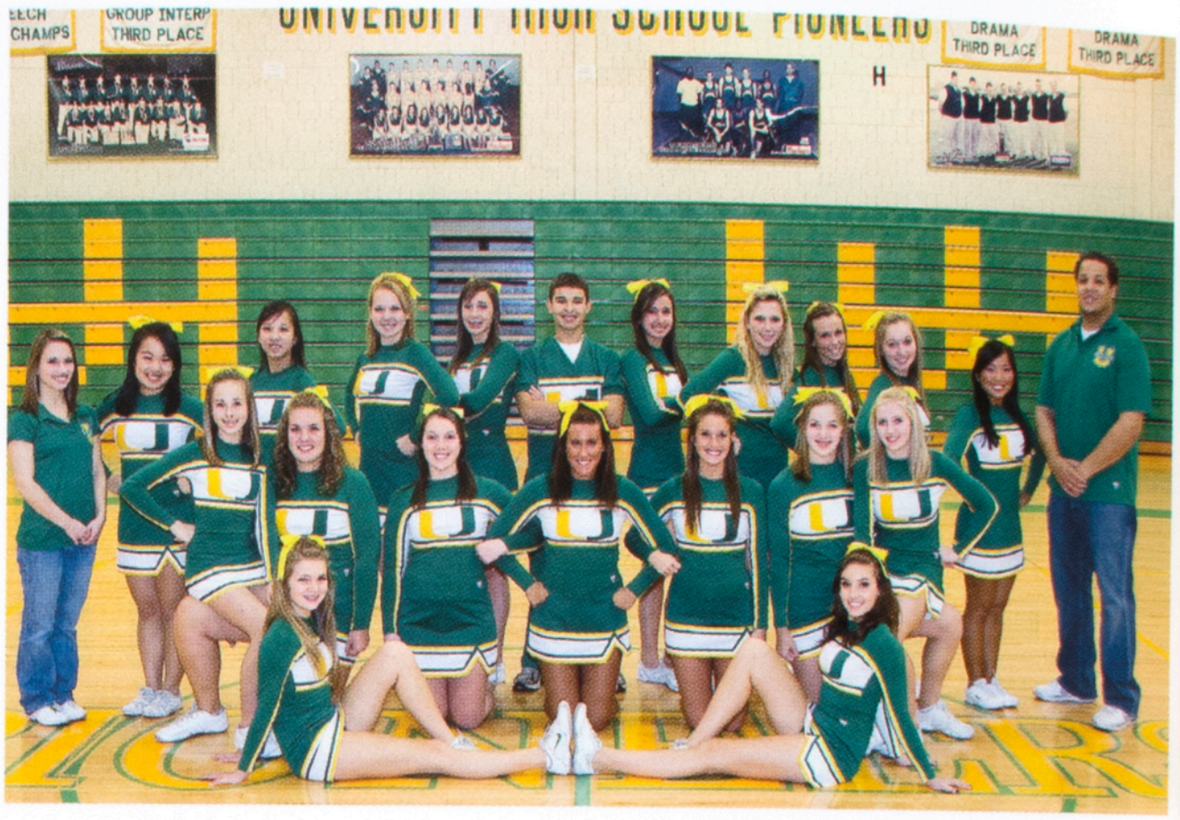
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Row 2: Christy Dail, Cole Hoffbauer, Emily Tuttle, Anna Fritz, Caitlin Darnall

Fall Cheerleading



Front Row: Hannah Griffin, Morgan Sondgeroth
Row 2: Mackenzie Anderson, Alex Dykhuis, Gracyn Paul, Emma Blickensderfer, Hannah Hotzel, Kaitlin Zurkammer
Row 3: Kahlie Kilcher, Faith Phares, Kailey Mixer, Nathalie Kiesewetter, Shelby Yoder, Molly Ruth Anderson, Erin Leary
Row 4: Coach Miller, Deanna Olson, Kaitlyn Dossett, Madison Abel, Natalie Blair, Eva Amble, Anna Trevarthan, David Davis VII

Winter Cheerleading



Front Row: Nathalie Kiesewetter, Kailey Mixer
Row 2: Gracyn Paul, Natalie Blair, Morgan Sondgeroth, Hannah Griffin, Liz Lindenmeier, Deanna Olson, Alex Dykhuis
Row 3: Asst. Coach Umecker, Emma Blickensderfer, Kahlie Kilcher, Caila Brander, Madison Abel, David Davis, Kaitlyn Dossett, Molly Ruth Anderson, Faith Phares, Kaitlin Zurkammer, Hannah Hotzel, Coach Miller

Boys Cross Country



Front Row: McLean Conklin, Ravi Mapani, Benjamin Moy, Wesley Ward, James Clay, Alex Parlette, Ryan Rutherford, Stephen Husk, Jace Mortimer, Alex Chavez, Tyler Gillam, Tanner Tattini, Sam Totten, John Tian
Row 2: Coach Porter, Jordan Brooks, J.D. LaFayette, Ryan Newby, Mike DeCremer, Brendan Hoskins, Riley Dale, Alex Gorsuch, Steven Hulett, Evan Swiech, Lance Jessurun, Jason Brooks, Coach Zimmerman
Row 3: Coach Stuart Shaver, Lucas Houska, Tallon Chambers, Danny Bugg, John Ryan Hamilton, CJ Hamilton, Brock Porter, Coach Lester Hampton, Connor Bailey, Mitchell Houska, Austin Butorac, Josh Ayers, Matt Donovan, Andrew Porter, Coach Will

Girls Cross Country



Front Row: Elizabeth Fansler, Tori Morgan, Alexandra Walch, Samantha Supan, Lyndsay Shaver, Bayli Doubet, Marissa Tank, Minda Ruiz, Delaney Kroll, Chantel Wilson
Row 2: Coach Porter, Emily Clay, Morgan Cross, Emily Bugg, Emily Honzel, Natalie Bowman, Jordan Armstrong, Kiara Vance, Kelsey Emmert, Kylie Thompson, Dayna Wilson, Caila Brander, Coach Zimmerman
Row 3: Coach Stuart Shaver, Bethanie Namoff, Paige Smid, Melanie Goebel, Mia Hartung, Ariana Jahiel, Coach Lester Hampton, Katie Lane, Cheyenne Bowers, Madison Abel, Haylee Weakley, Morgan Jacob, Sydney Billingsley, Coach Will

Freshman Football



Front Row: Connor Burns, Parker Schaab, David Davis, Coach Antoine Worthman, Richard Watts, Trashawn Boyd, Logan Woolfolk
Row 2: Coach Ackers, Riley Potter, Cody Timm, Travis Auer, Bryan Sengsay, JT Goodman, Noah Larsen, Daniel Schumacher, Joseph Johnson, Coach Voss,
Row 3: Matt Adams, Cedric Wilder, Trevor Lehr, Jamaal Scott, Jose Pena, Noah Olson, Anthony Walker, Coach Campbell
Row 4: Luke Otto, Ben Siverly, Evan Berryman, Malik Wildermuth, Kane Wildermuth, Max Hovenden, Nick Brander

Sophomore Football



Front Row: Coach Ackers, Dylan Farney, Brady Bunton, Zach Zook, Coach Troll, Gary Arvik, Mitchell Bottorff, Terrell Littleton, Coach Antoine Worthman
Row 2: Coach Blake Campbell, Mitchell Wallin, Logan Peifer, Carson Schumacher, Jeff Larsen, Ben Schweitzer, Ryan Matchett, Matt Adams, Coach Dan Voss.

Varsity Football



Front Row: Drew Potter, Kyle Olson, Zach Zook, Coach Dusty Burk, Kyle Morris, Gary Arvik, Mitchell Bottorff, Terrell Littleton
Row 2: Coach Frank West, Brandon Timm, Nic Flach, Jordan Stralow, Jim Solberg, Zach Burlingame, Joseph Johnson, Colt Franklin, Brady Bunton, Matt Adams
Row 3: Coach Mike Crumpler, Coach Lee McFarland, Tanner Russell, Mitch Januzik, Tanner Temby, Isaiah Brown, Logan Peifer, Andy Cochran, Jeff Larsen, Ben Schweitzer, Ryan Matchett, Coach Eric Lyons, Coach Mike Troll
Row 4: Coach Silas Schaffner, Coach Mike Goodwin, Dylan Farney, Nick Ensenberger, Mitchell Wallin, Tyler Scott, Trevor Dennewitz, Kane Wildermuth, Eli Sloneker, Carson Schumacher, Coach Holman, Coach Campbell

Boys Golf



Front Row: David Hepler, Jacob Hendren, Nolan Harris, David Castillo
Row 2: Jared Hendren, Matt Galvan, Adam Baracani, Evan Sloneker, Dylan Koth, Cole Sondgeroth
Row 3: Scott Endsley, Connor Sampson, Coach Wollenweber, Coach Hubbard, Logan Stauffer, Ben Henderson, Bobby Jocson

Girls Golf



Front Row: Sheinnera Gerongay, Tiffany Masters, Charlea Schueler, Hannah Schueler, Erin Sondgeroth, Josselyn Harris
Row 2: Emma Stroyan, Ashley Beverage, Coach Dennis, Coach Grussing, Rachel Wall, Halle Dennis

Marching Band



Front Row: Kambria Vance, Cyomone Wilder, Aaron Tuttle
Row 2: Zach Weilbacher, Chris Walbert, Lauri Riddell, John Mueting, Sterling Gibson, Adam Falasz, Anna Fritz, Brian Tanaka, Francis Favis, Ben Henderson, Macy Andre, Brooks Woolfolk, Preston Harris, Luke Mays
Row 3: Emily Waltner, Flannery Cash, Josh Parton, Megan Helms, Sam Totten, Steven Greeneberg, Hannah Schueler, Christy Dail, Emilee Gibson, Tegan Hunter, Katie Roberts, Julia Fitch, Linnea Griffin, Emily Donnel, Jessica Woodall, Lexie Greeneberg, Mimi Dong, Andrew Porter
Row 4: Brandon Bogue, Cole Hoffbauer, Brooke Smith, Melanie Goebel, Marissa Diekhoff, Evan Allen, Rachel Gocker, Natalie Blair, Rachel Weaver, John Tian, Rebekah Lovell, Mark Cordero, Brendan Hoskins, Sara Koebel, Deanna Olson, Stephanie Adams, Taihla Eddins, Michael Carpenter
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Row 6: John Ryan Hamilton, Sullivan Quinn, Andrew Scott, Emily Tuttle, Steven Kiel, Adam Bruno, Sam Mueting, Trace Peifer, Jordan Jolliff, Duncan Harris, Blake Kruger, Michael Braun, Connor Laesch, Tyler Maubach
Row 7: Kayla Cummings, Lauren Whiting, Alyssa Corbitt, Allison Richards, Samantha Ludwig, Rachel Ratajski

Boys JV Soccer



Front Row: Blake Randolph, MikaelAyele, Evan Weaver, Daniel Schumacher, Cole Hoffbauer, Andrew Kamischke, Dan Phipps, Joseph Clay, Dhruva Patil
Row 2: Coach Stanon, Mark Cordero, Piers Hunter, Dustin Fox, Keith Rohman, Riley Hamilton, Josh Ashley, Adam Bruno, Connor Brooks, Andrew Scott, Coach Gibler

Boys Varsity Soccer



Front Row: Evan Weaver, Mark Nalefski, Zain Becerra, Will Provosty, Myles Shane
Row 2: Feras Becerra, Hunter Somers, Brent Emmerson, Alejo Gonzalez, Brock Jones, Connor Brooks, Luke Otto, Brad Dulee, Dan Phipps, Chris Dykhuis
Row 3: Coach Gibler, Alec Garcia, Dustin Fox, JonPaul Langellier, Josh Ashley, Zack Billingsley, Coach Jeremy Stanton, Chandler Brooks, Jake Irwin, Keith Rohman, Jimmy Munson, Coach Hari

Girls Swim/Dive



Front Row: Brie Hines, Alexis Prenzler, Sara Hovren, Haley Sauve
Row 2: Gabby Fox, Alison Ogunmokun, Demi Fritz, Sara Koebel, Kira Webster, Marissa Thomas, Anna Prenzler
Row 3: Coach Meyer, Taylor Clayton, Emma Ronczkowski, Danielle Ludwig, Taylor Widdel, Jennifer Toca, Kelli Fowler, Hope Saunders, Coach Burroughs

Girls Tennis



Front Row: Alia Khan, Sienna Reuter, Marta Ayele
Row 2: Alyssa Reuter, Isabel Park, Katherine Sampson, Emilee Gibson, Erica Matheis
Row 3: Coach Reuter, Amanda Conklin, Lauren boucher, Krystle Koe, Alexandra Byerly, Joelle Friesen, Coach Talbot

Freshman Volleyball



Front Row: Jessica Pledger, Anna Trevarthan, Taylor Darnell, Tori Widdel, Samantha Holmes, Gabrielle Tran
Row 2: Coach Serone, Madeline Morris, Alexis Rohman, Kayla Bullock, Gabi Jacobs, Ashley Collins, Emily Tuttle, CoachHalberstadt

JV Volleyball



Front Row: Jasmine McDowell, Emma Gonzalez, Allyson Auth, Braelyn Cole, Marie Coughlin, Jessica Collins-Appel
Row 2: Rachel Weaver, Jenna Agnew, Destiny Ramsey, Coach Burvikovs, Morgan Fry, Kady Thompson, Erin Vivrito

Varsity Volleyball



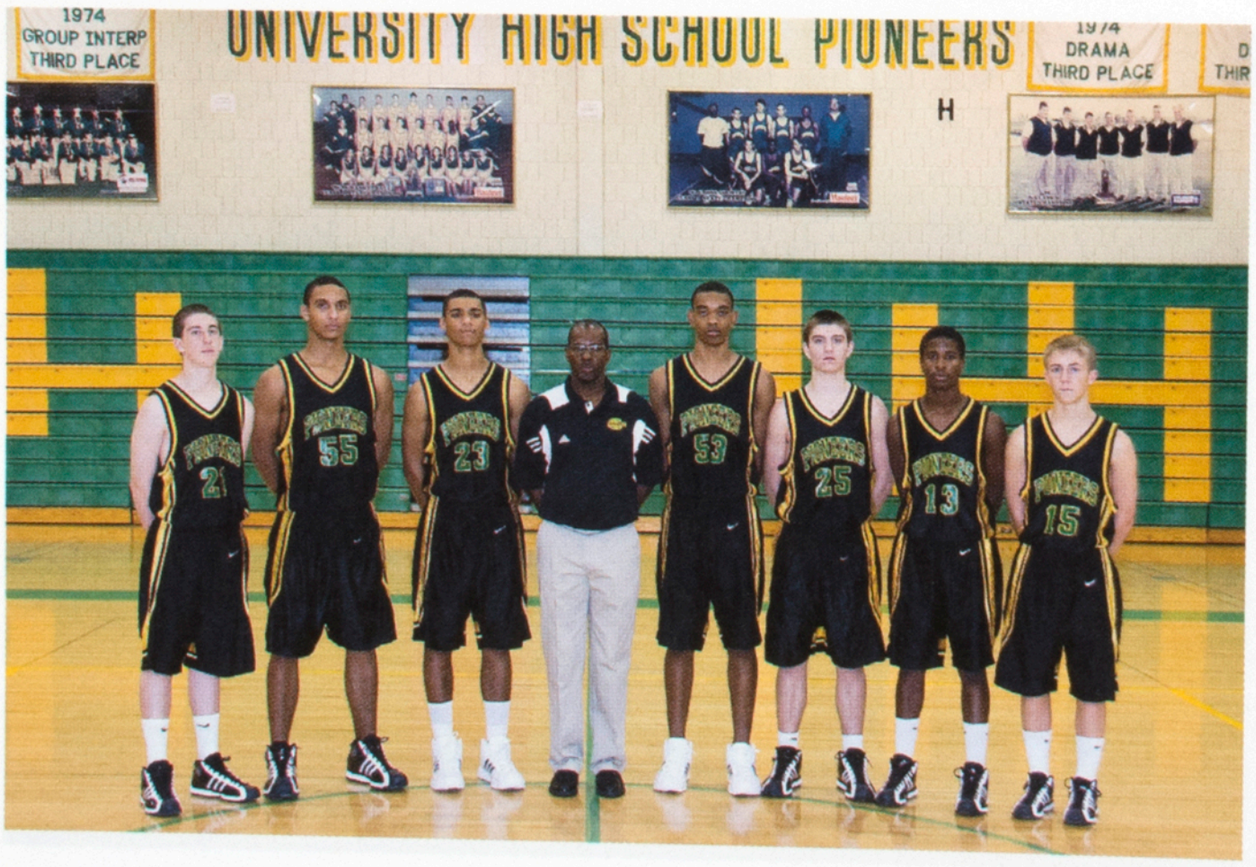
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Row 2: Kelly Berryman, Jess Michels, Bailey Nichol, Valerie Nichol, Logan Walling, Maggie Dunbar, Marissa Diekhoff

Boys Freshman Basketball



Front Row: Brian Zimmerman, Connor Brooks, Tommy Wall, Trashawn Boyd, Logan Woolfolk, McLean Conklin, Tyler May
Row 2: Hunter Somers, Evan Berryman, Noah Larsen, Riley Hamilton, Coach Evans, Derek Durdle, Noah Olson, Jamaal Scott

Boys JV Basketball



Front Row: Zach Weilbacher, Kane Wildermuth, Malik Wildermuth, Coach Hampton, Keita Bates-Diop, Nick Schroeder, Joe Johnson, Brad Dulee

Boys Varsity Basketball



Front Row: McKinley Elem, Kyle Morris, Sammie Elem, Mitch Styczynski, Brady Knapp, Bryn Agnew, Kurtis Ellis
Row 2: Coack Lootens, Coach Graham, Joe Johnson, AJ Bruns, Tanner Russell, Keita Bates-Diop, Coach Fitzgerald, Kane Wildermuth, Nick Schroeder, Cam Ceyte-Papon, Coach Hampton, Coach Evans, Coach Rapps

Girls Freshman Basketball



Front Row: Minda Ruiz, Chantel Wilson, Alyssa Reuter, Sydney Billingsley, Madeline Morris
Row 2: Paige Smid, Ashley Collins, Lauri Riddell, Tori Widdel, Halle Dennis

Girls JV Basketball



Front Row: Dayna Wilson, Tori Doubet, Delaney Kroll, Kayla Palmer, Chantel Wilson
Row 2: Bethanie Namoff, Destiny Ramsey, Emma Stroyan, Lauri Riddell, Jetaune Hall

Girls Varsity Basketball



Front Row: Sarah Telling, Jordan Armstrong, Tiffany Masters, Tori Doubet, Dayna Wilson
Row 2: Jessica Dennis, Mia Hartung, Destiny Ramsey, Emma Stroyan, Taylor Widdel, Cheyenne Bowers, Tatyana Peck

Boys Swim/Dive



Front Row: Chad Rosenbaum, Steven Fishman, Lucas Houska, Adam Drury, Chris Mecherle, John Remmes
Row 2: Brandis Heffner, Cody Mitchell, Brian McCarthy, BJ Koebel, Clayton Hamilton, Brennan Elsas, Gabe Peterson
Row 3: Coach Burroughs, Coach Grobe, Christian Grobe, JP Langellier, Zack Billingsley, Chandler Brooks, John Williamson, Mitchell Houska, Joel Gebhardt, Coach Meyer, Cole Rosenbaum

Wrestling



Front Row: Cole Sondgeroth, Evan Weaver, Gary Arvik, Tim McGowan, Cedric Wilder, Steven Hulett, Gurtaj Jhattu
Row 2: Coach Troll, Mikel Zaitzeff, Kyle Olsen, Michael Kull, Nick Brander, Ben Schweitzer, Ryan Matchett, Ben Siverly, Korbin Anderson, Mitchell Dearing, John Tian, Coach Dearing

Freshman Baseball



Front Row: Connor Burns, Ethan Schueler, Tyler Gillam, Tanner Tattini, McLean Conklin, Tanner Peasley, Parker Schaab, Noah Larsen, Kendall Warner
Row 2: Coach Joel Steichen, Cody Timm, Riley Potter, Tyler May, Derek Durdle, Evan Sloneker, Brian Zimmerman, Travis Auer, Jose Pena, Coach Jared Wheet

Sophomore Baseball



Front Row: Zac Zook, Sam Fitch, Brad Dulee, Conner Laesch, Colby Wedwick, Tyler Shaw, Chris Fryer
Row 2: Coach Voss, Brady Bunton, Nick Schroeder, Jeff Larsen, Dylan Farney, Tim McGowan, Daniel Gibson, Coach Christian

Varsity Baseball



Front Row: Andrew Arthur, AJ Bruns, Ryan Newby, Nick Paul, Michael Kull, Jared Hendren, Tommy Schiller, Jacob Hendren, Brandon Timm, Jon Ray
Row 2: Coach Collins, Coach Craig, Jim Solberg, Ryan Morton, Connor Bailey, Josh Ashley, Tanner Temby, Andy Cochran, Drew Potter, Jordan Stralow, Coach Hendren, Coach Auer

Girls JV Soccer



Front Row: Priscilla Suh, Lilyana Montesdeoca, Rebecca Lovell, Rebecca Angles, Stephanie Adams
Row 2: Jessica Collins-Appel, Camille Fevre, Emilee Gibson, Katherine Sampson, Marie Coughlin, Brooke Smith, Erin Vivirito
Row 3: Coach Whiting, Deanna Olson, Emma Gonzalez, Christi Dail, Kayla Palmer, Anna Prenzler, Coach Sefton

Girls Varsity Soccer



Front Row: Haylee Weakly, Allysa Corbitt, Jessica Collins-Appel, Bayli Doubet, Amelie Provosty, Erin Vivirito
Row 2: Emma Gonzalez, Kayla Palmer, Lydia Wilson, Tiffany Masters, Marissa Tank, Mackenzie Taylor, Maggie Shane
Row 3: Coach Whiting, Madison Abel, Cheyenne Bowers, Deanna Olson, Rona Hunter, Tori Doubet, Anna Prenzler, Coach Sefton

JV Softball



Front Row: Kelcey McKeown, Kate Martinie, Hannah Schueler, Charlea Schueler, Erica Matheis, Erin Sondgeroth, Kaitlin Zurkammer, Alyssa Reuter, Samantha Supan
Row 2: Coach Doellman, Karlie Mammenga, Alexis Rohman, Rebecca Gocker, Emma Stroyan, Lauri Riddell, Jami Kunde, Braelyn Cole, Samantha Holmes, Coach Pessman

Varsity Softball



Front Row: Morgan Clugston, Kali Riddell, Shannon Stuart, Danielle Warner, Jane McCullough, Morgan Sondgeroth, Kyley McKeown, Jessica Elliott, Morgan Fry
Row 2: Coach Sondgeroth, Chloe Hundman, Mia Hartung, Melanie Goebel, Amanda Conklin, Coach Sellers

Boys Tennis



Front Row:Vivek Gulati, Alexander Su, Grant Guttschow, Austin Peterson, Christopher Nardone, Mitchell Dearing, Christopher Mecherle, Dylan Koth, Sam Totten
Row 2: Alejandro Vallejo, John Tian, Alexander Lee, Logan Woolfolk, Joshua Clay, Mark Cordero,Mikael Ayele, Blake Randolph
Row 3: Alexander Wolansky, Ravi Malpani, Parker Ives, Coach Talbot, Matias Wolansky, Riley Dale, Brandon Patkunas

Boys Track



Front Row: Jordan Brooks, Andrew Porter, Anthony Walker, Brendan Bond, Bryan Sengsay, Trey Watts, Chris Walbert, J.D. LaFayette, Wesley Ward, Tallon Chambers, Gajaba Naraddage, Adam Bruno, Brendan Hoskins, Michael Braun, Jalen Sykes
Row 2: Ivan Sykes, Alex Chavez, John Ryan Hamilton, Chris Ruud, Jake Phelan, Eli Sloneker, Carson Schumacher, Tyler Scott, John McDowell, Mitchell Wallin, Alex Gorsuch, K.J. Rohman, Brent Emmerson, Alec Garcia, Darren King, Chiko Zintambila
Row 3: Coach Carr, James Clay, Jason Brooks, Stephen Husk, Brock Porter, Ryan Rutherford, Alex Parlette, C.J. Hamilton, Jace Mortimer, Tanner Russell, Ray St. John, Luke Mays, William Brown, Cody Gudenrath, Preston Harris, Brooks Woolfolk, Coach Hampton

Girls Track



Front Row: Emily Clay, Elizabeth Composto, Lyndsay Shaver, Natalie Bowman, Kelsey Emmert, Emily Bugg, Erika Simple, Jordan Armstrong, Kiara Vance, Alexandra Walch
Row 2: Alia Khan, Isabel Park, Madison Abel, Rachel Weaver, Morgan Cross, Jada Peterson, Rebecca Williams, Bria Mosley, Morgan Jacob, Marissa Thomas, Delaney Kroll, Kylie Thompson, Rachel Gocker, Sienna Reuter
Row 3: Coach Neisler, Ashanti Scott, Lauren Boucher, Caila Brander, Emily Honzel, Krystal Koe, Kelsey Williams, Katie Lane, Coach Shaver, Gabi Jacobs, Ariana Jahiel, Paige Smid, Ashley Collins, Hailey Patterson, Sydney Billingsley, Coach Zimmerman

And All that Jazz



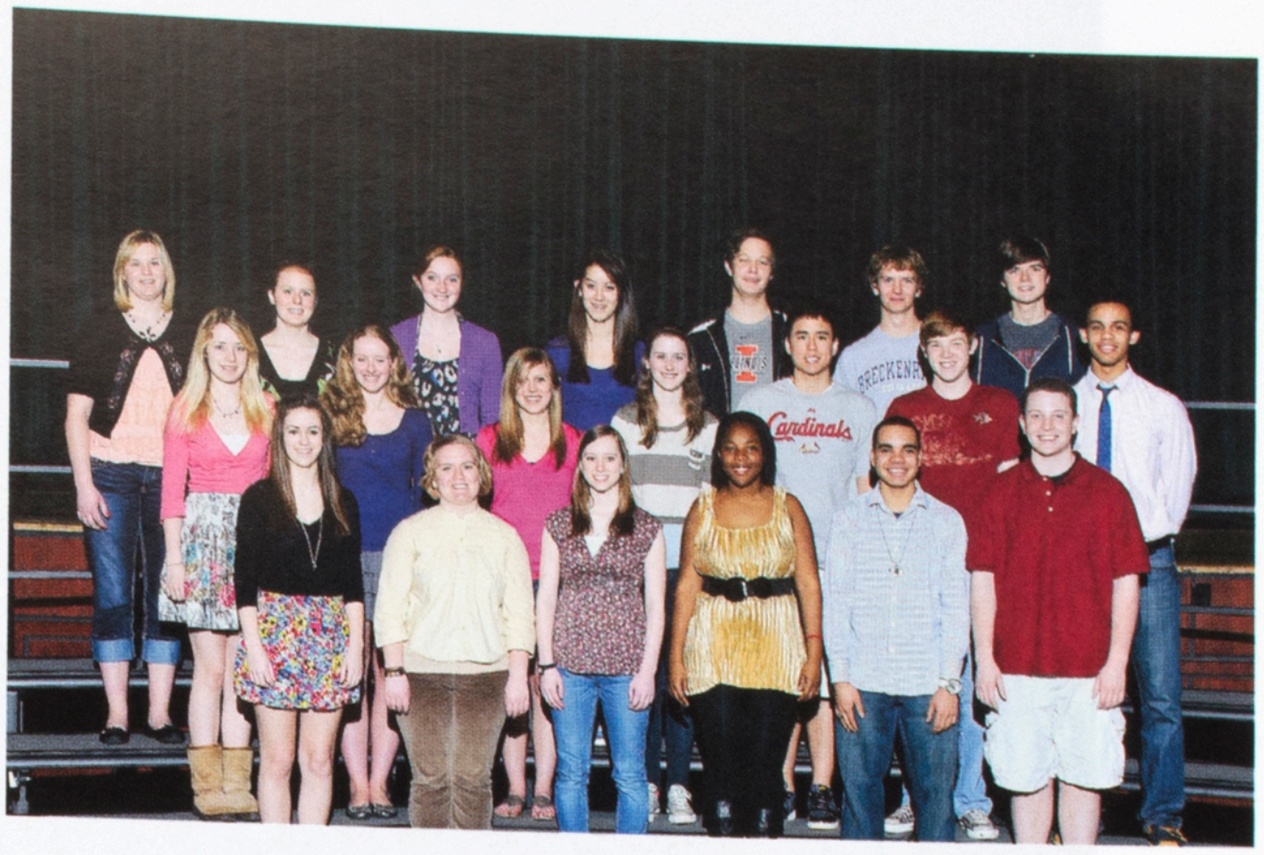
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Treble Choir



Front Row: Kailey Zalucha, Alex Dykhuis, Alexis Prenzler, Gracyn Paul, Samantha Supan, Paige Thomas, Morgan Sondgeroth, Audrey Keen
Row 2: Emily Vazquez, Amanda Nibbelin, Jess Creasey, Deepika Nagarajan, Annie Showers, Bayli Doubet, Caila Brander, Lyndsay Shaver
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Jazzin' in the Evenin'



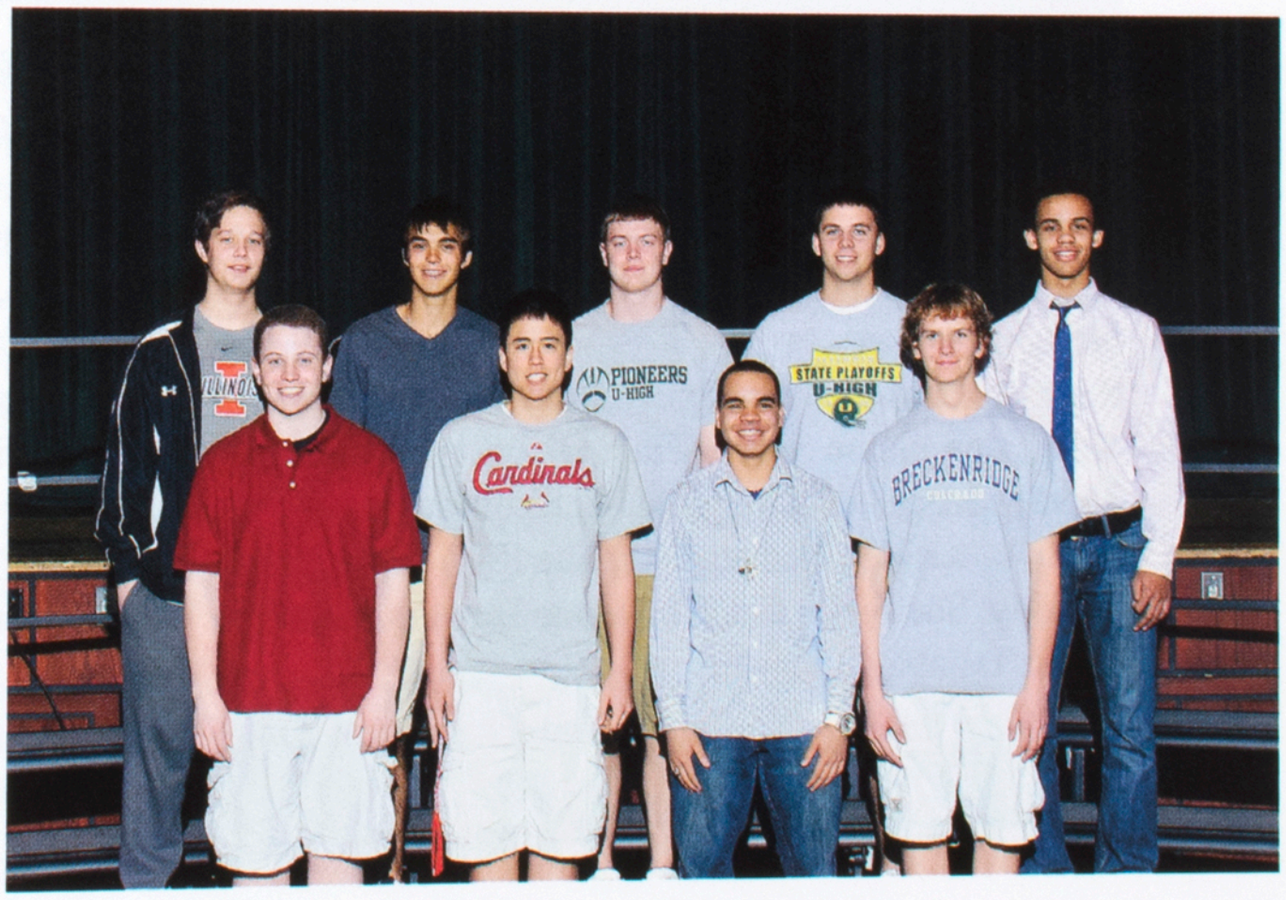
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Row 3: Kristin Weaver, Caroline Ray, Kambria Vance, Sachi Nagase, Jay Simmons, Michael Braun, Bud Kessler

Stella A Capella



Front Row: Lynn Burkhead, Anna Weis, Taihla Eddins, Liz Lindenmeier, Alison Ogunmokun
Row 2: Carly McShane, Erin Smith, Emma Blyth, Kambria Vance, Erin Hutchins, Cheyenne Bowers

Fifth Step



Front Row: John Finch, Brian Tanaka, James Love, Michael Braun
Row 2: Jay Simmons, Alex Parlette, Nic Flach, Mitch Januzik, EJ Newble

Concert Choir



Front Row: Katie Newport, Lynn Burkhead, Hannah Griffin, Whitney Pledger, Erin Hutchins, Tori Morgan, Linnea Griffin, Janie McMahon, Tara Crampton, Jenna Greenlee, Megan Leary, Adam Przybylski, Ryan Cavallo, James Love, Dylan Karraker

Row 2: Erin Smith, Anna Weis, Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Aleesa Brooks, Kelsey Shaw, Alyson Auth, Joelle Friesen, Kayla Cummings, Macy Andre, Carly McShane, Taihla Eddins, Brandis Heffner, Michael Braun, Jon Alden, Nathan Dotson

Row 3: Emma Blyth, Emily Honzel, Tessa Eckley, Georgia Keen, Kelsey Emmert, Emma Waltner, Sydney Bickerstaff, Kari Lane, Sadie Skibo, Traci Olson, Alison Ogunmokun, Madison Oakley, Garrett Medlock, Alejandro Montesdeoca, Zack Taylor, Jay Simmons

Row 4: Kristin Weaver, Caroline Ray, Kiara Vance, Brianna Wirtz, Raelyn Hoskins, Rona Hunter, Marta Ayele, Haylee Weakly, Sachi Nagase, Cheyenne Bowers, Kambria Vance, John Finch, Mitch Januzik, Jon Ray, Alex Parlette, Brian Tanaka

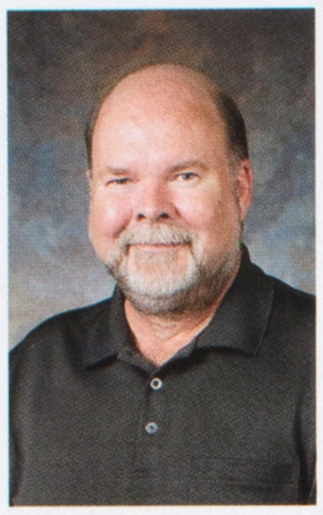
Chorus I



Front Row: Minda Ruiz, Jessica Pledger, Emma Blickensderfer, Cole Sondgeroth, Scott Feid, William Brown, Mackenzie Anderson, Anna Fritz, Shelby Yoder, Katie Sandage, Amy Bondo, Bria Mosley, Gabby Tran
Row 2: Kate Earnest, Ally Byerly, Lily Montesdeoca, McKinley Elem, Tommy Schiller, Alejo Gonzalez, Dan Phipps, Will Provosty, Ethan Schueler, Dylan Koth, David Castillo, Allie Cardinal, Jenna Przybylski, Marie Coughlin, Jessica Collins-Appel, Kailey Mixer
Row 3: Demi Fritz, Erica Matheis, Rachel E. Weaver, Hunter Somers, Chris Fryer, Connor Brooks, Evan Weaver, Riley Dale, Chiko Zintambila, KJ Rohman, Brendan Hoskins, Hope Saunders, Kayla Palmer, Emma Gonzalez, Faith Phares
Row 4: Sankhya Amaravadi, Kenzie Taylor, Erin Sondgeroth, Brady Bunton, Kyle Morris, Brian Zimmerman, Piers Hunter, Joseph Clay, Michael Guo, Austin Butorac, Clayton Hamilton, Andy Cochran, Evan Berryman, Wesley Ward, Kady Thompson, Samantha Holmes, Morgan Jacob, Kaitlyn Dossett
Row 5: Gabi Jacobs, Rachel R. Weaver, Veebha Gowda, Kaitlin Zurkammer, Tori Widdel, Riley Hamilton, EJ Newble, Connor Bailey, Logan Peifer, Ben Schweitzer, Nic Flach, Mitch Styczynski, Bud Kessler, Chris Ruud, Bryn Agnew, Kylie Maurer, Paige Smid, Ann Pham, Ashley Collins, Ariana Jahiel

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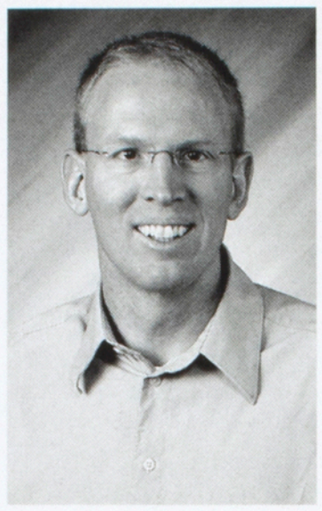
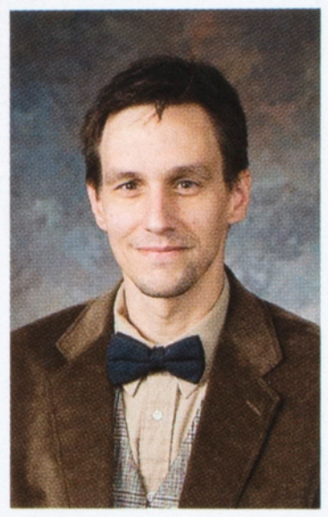
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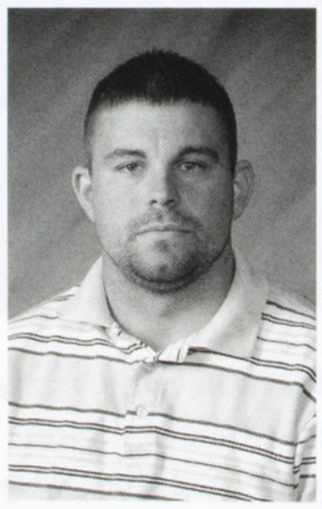


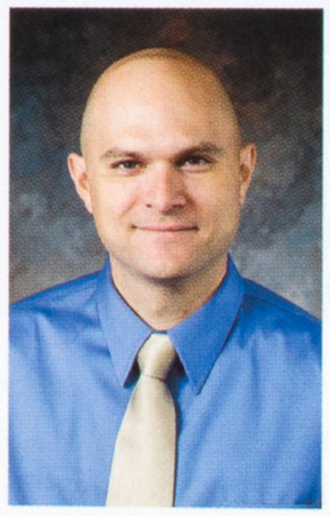

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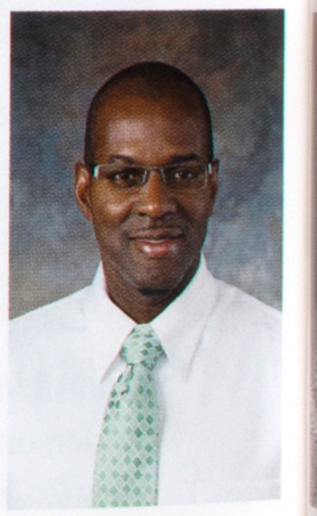






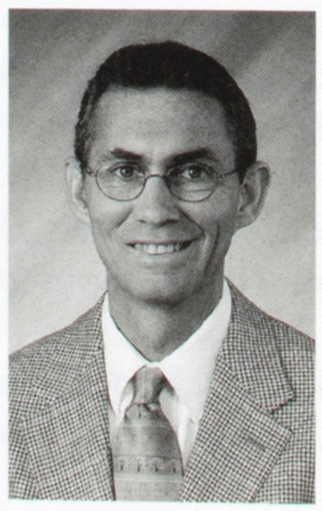

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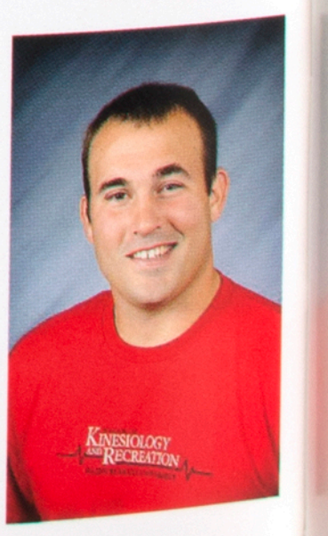




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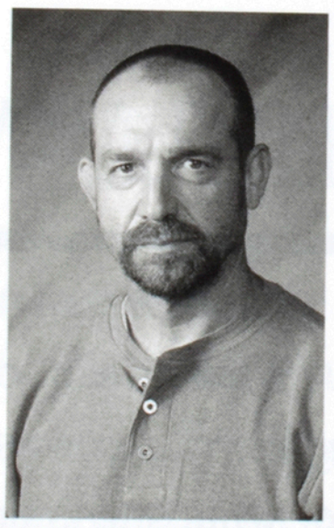







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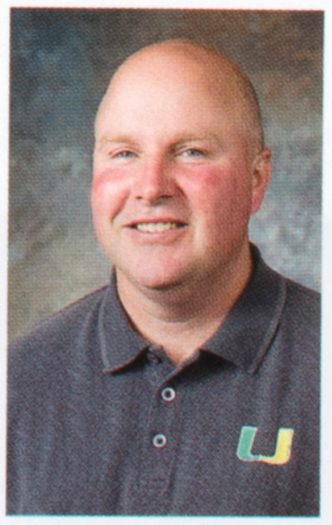





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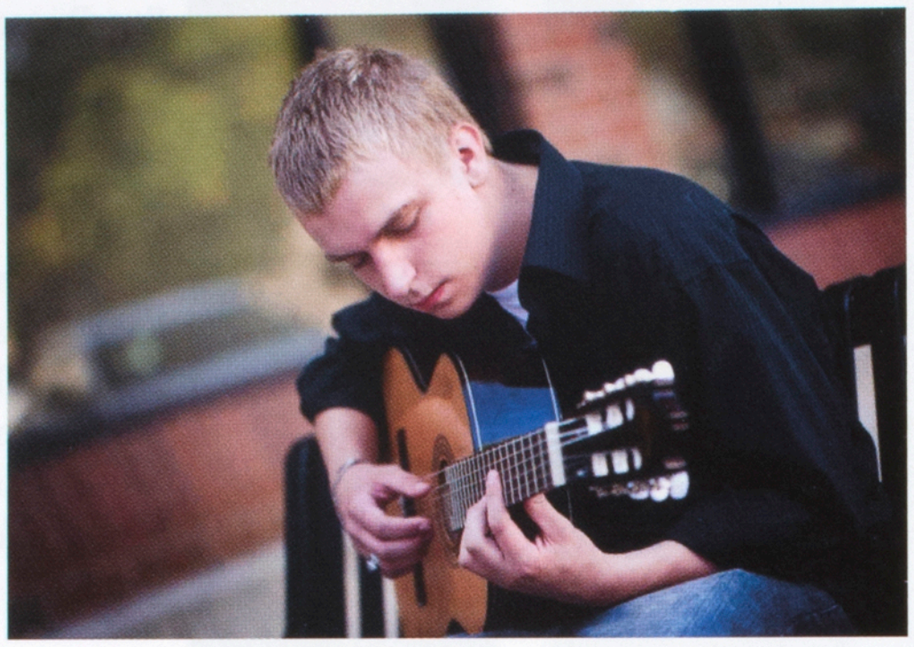
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Gladly We Learn and Teach

JOSH ALSMAN

Josh, we're so proud of the young man you've become. And we will enjoy watching you embrace the possibilities that await you; knowing that everything you do you do well. We love you!

Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, and Ryan



MARTA AYELE

Marta, what a joy to see the levely, inquisitive young woman you have become. We know you will succeed in anything you chose to do. Remember we will always be there for you and love you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Hana, and Mikael



CLAIRE BROWNSTONE

"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle"
-Winston Churchill
To a daughter who always makes the most out of every moment, no matter what she is doing! We love you and congratulate you on all of your achievements in or out of the saddle!! Love, Mom and Dad





LIZ COMPOSTO

May your warm heart, free spirit, and tenacity continue to guide you. We are so proud of you and excited about what the future holds. You are loved more than you know!

Congratulations!

Mom, Dad, and Michelle

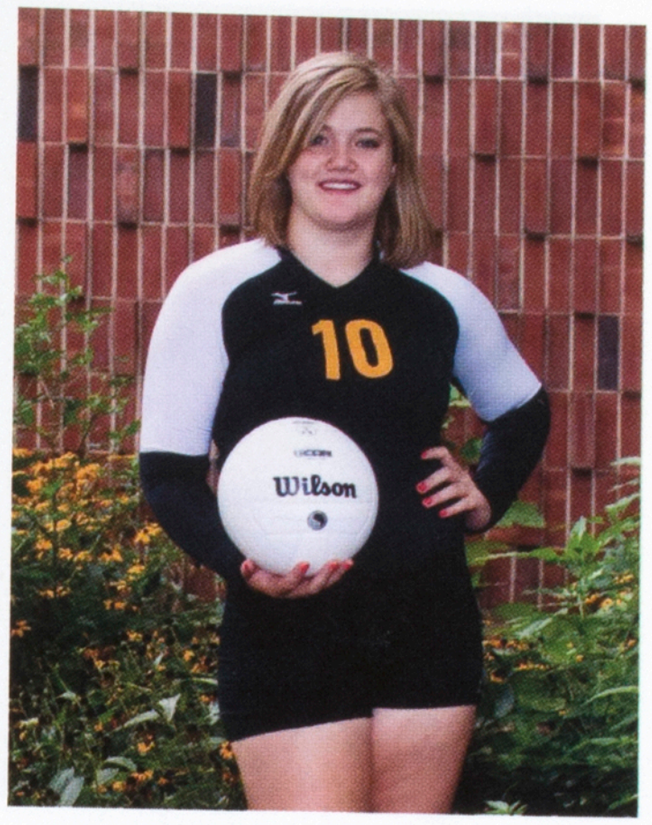


JENNIFER DARROW

You have achieved in school as a result of hard work and perserverance. We are proud of your accomplishments. Use what you have been given to succeed in your future endeavors.

Our love and prayers for a bright future,

Dan, Mom, Michael, Rickey, and Hollie



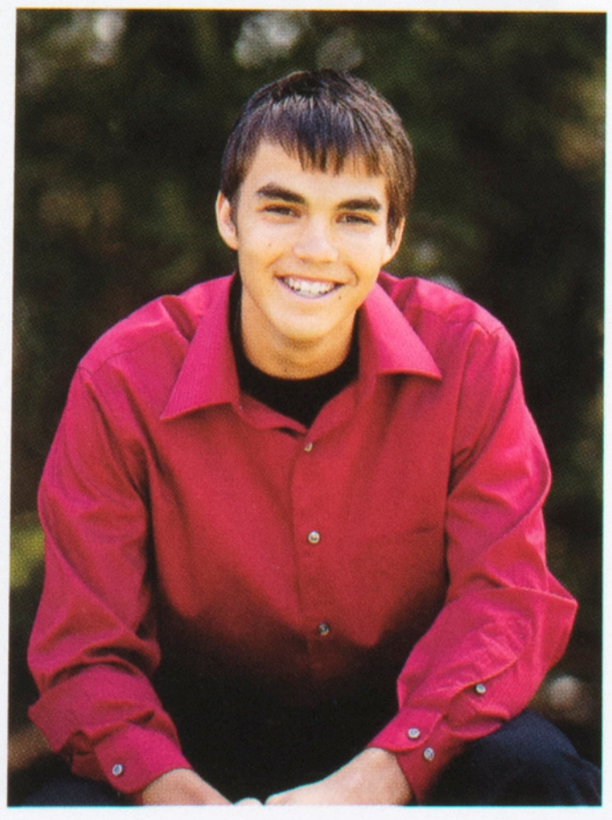
ALEX PARLETTE

Congratulations, Alex! In what seems like the blink of an eye, you've gone from being a very active little boy who loved to make people smile, to who you are now- a caring, compassionate, intelligent and talented young man. You've proven you can do anything you set your mind to do through hard work and commitment. We are so very proud of you!

With all our love,

Dad, Mom and Christina





TRACE PEIFER

Trace, we are so proud of the young man you have become. Best of luck in your college years pursuing your passion in music. We love and support you in all you choose and feel so blessed to have such a wonderful son.

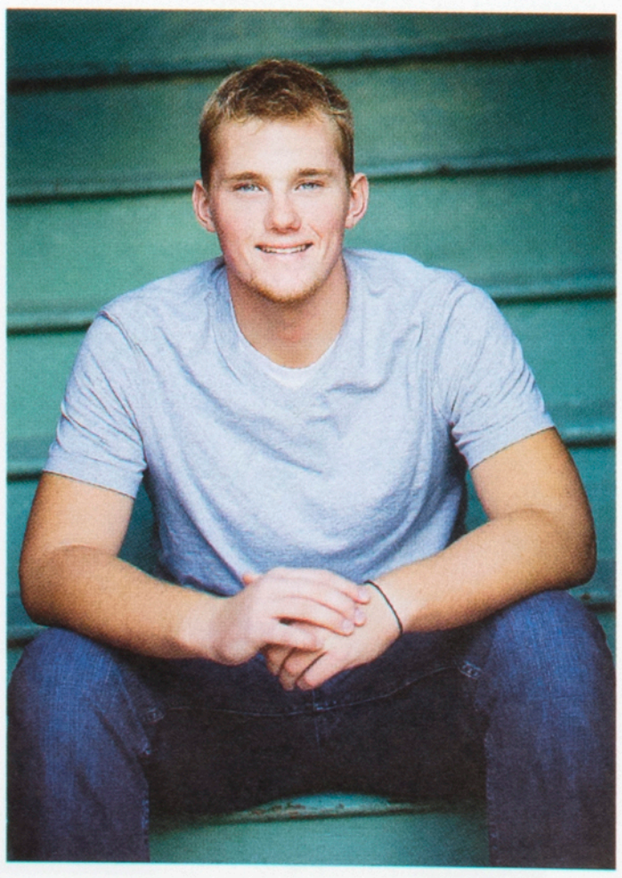
Love,
Mom and Dad



TYLER SCOTT

Congratulations Tyler! We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Keith, Ryan, Brandon, and Jordan



JONATHAN RAY

Way to go Jonathan! We are so proud of you: who you are becoming, what you have accomplished, and all that is to come. We are praying God's blessings on the years ahead

Love,
Dad, Mom, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Daniel



Senior Superlatives

1. Most likely to become President:
Natalie Bowman
2. Most likely to become a millionaire:
George Seelinger
3. Most likely to become famous:
Emma Blyth
4. Most likely to succeed:
Lydia Wilson
5. Most likely to be the next American Idol:
Kambria Vance
6. Most likely to become a farmer:
Tanner Russell
7. Most likely to travel the world:
Alejandro Montesdeoca
8. Most likely to be mayor of Normal:
Nate May
9. Most likely to teach at U-High:
Tyler Scott
10. Most likely to have the perfect family:
Alex Parlette
11. Most likely to win the Nobel Peace Prize:
Elora Karim
12. Most likely to live in a van by the river:
Dylan Karraker
13. Most likely to be a starving artist:
Nate Holland
14. Couple most likely to get married:
Preston Harris and Raelyn Hoskins
15. Most likely to become a talk show host:
Whitney Pledger
16. Most likely to take over the world:
Stephen Chow
17. Most likely to join a nunnery:
Emily Bugg
18. Most likely to work for the CIA:
Nick Vivirito
19. Most likely to break their netbook:
Jordan Kilhoffer
20. Most likely to be found sleeping on the couches:
Scott Endsley
21. Best School Spirit:
Zach Billingsley
22. Teacher's pet:
Morgan Sondergroth
23. The one who always needs a ride:
Elizabeth Lindenmeier
24. Most Dependable:
JP Langellier
25. Most changed:
Danny Snyder
26. Most accident prone:
Connor Sampson
27. Most musically inclined:
Brian Tanaka
28. Most creative:
Liz Composto
29. Most dramatic:
Danielle Warner
30. Most sarcastic:
Josh Ayers
31. Most environmentally conscious:
Claire Brownstone
32. Most Dateable:
Drew Potter
33. Friendliest:
James Love
34. Best truck:
Nic Flach
35. Class flirt:
Jace Mortimer
36. Class Clown:
James Clay
37. Wittiest:
Joel Gebhardt
38. Most intellectual:
Elizabeth Kelly
39. Cutest couple:
Mitch Januzik and Kelsey Emmert
40. Talks the least, says the most:
Austin Monteith
41. Talks the most, says the least:
Trevor Dennewitz
42. Loudest:
Mikhayla Price-Hutcherson
43. Tardiest:
Ellie Sloneker
44. Best dressed:
Nick Paul and Kari Lane
45. Best hair:
Anthony Pegg and Sadie Skibo
46. Best eyes:
Jonathan McDowell and Mallie Feltner
47. Best laugh:
Kyle Olsen and Anna Weis
48. Best smile:
Chandler Brooks and Marissa Diekhoff
49. Best personality:
Bobby Jocson and Jane McCullough
50. Best athlete:
John Williamson and Emily Clay
51. Best dancer:
Jason Brooks and Kelsey Larson
52. Best all-around:
Stephen Husk and Sienna Reuter

Colophon

Without failure, one cannot evolve. We editors experienced this firsthand through several trials and errors. After losing our font, redoing the first batch of pages multiple times, hearing of several nightmares from both our senior editor, Danie Reece, and our advisor, Amy Reiman, we somehow managed to persevere and finish thanks to jokes, horse stories, hangman, yahoo news, and runs to Smoothie King. This yearbook would not be nearly as dear to us if we had not had to struggle through each step and learn the ins and outs of InDesign while our fearless Journalism team churned out stories for our yearbook.

To publish the 2011 Clarion, we used Adobe InDesign for the formatting and Times New Roman for the font. All index pictures and student portraits were taken by Kent Simpson of Photography by Kent.

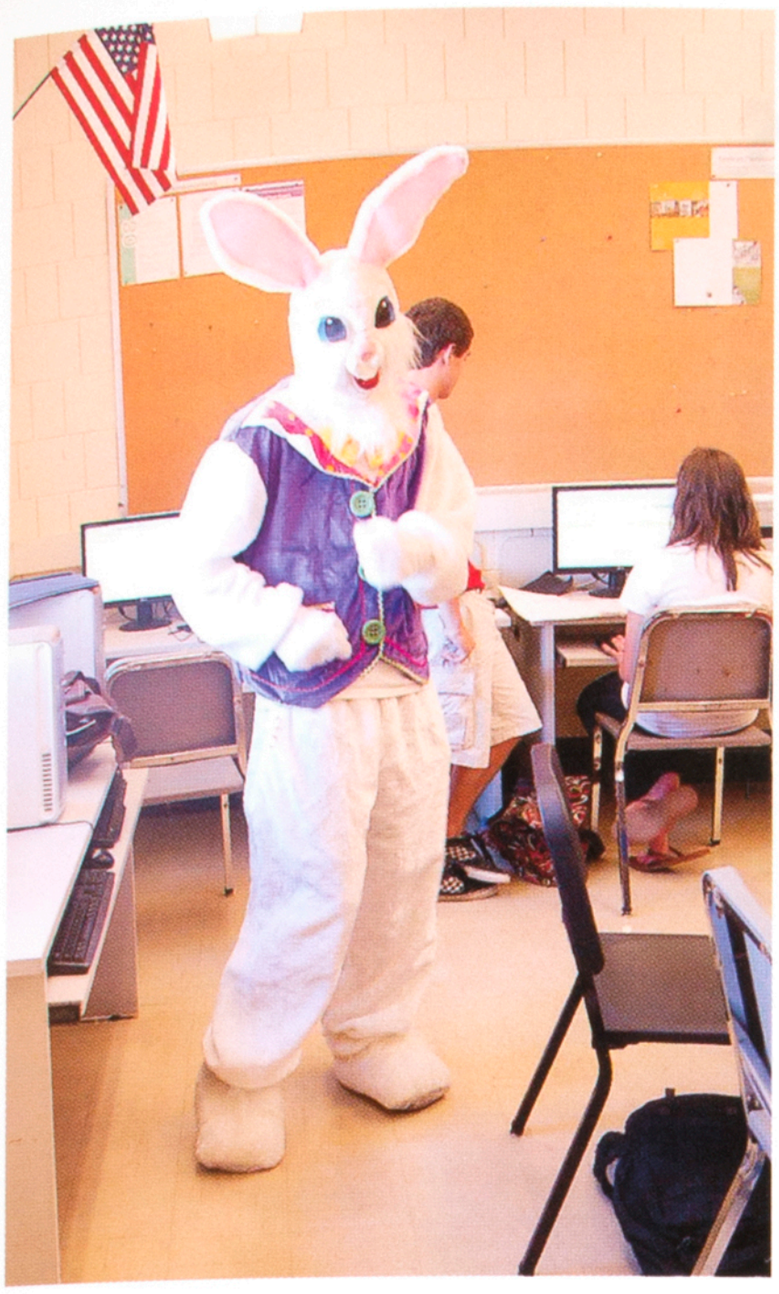
We would like to give special thanks to our yearbook advisor, Amy Reiman, and our assistant advisor, Stacey Welter. This yearbook would never have come together without their dedication to the project and ability to keep us on task. Also, we would like to share our gratitude for the U-High Tech Help Center and Jim Kurz for always fixing our numerous computer-related problems. We are forever greatful for the wonderful and entertaining members of the Journalism class, especially our copy editors Austin Monteith and Jordan Kilhoffer.

As you can see, this yearbook has been the product of countless struggles, inside jokes, and amounts of hard work. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Ching chong (it means I love you),

Danie Reece, Samantha Walker
Emily Donnel, and Marissa Diekhoff



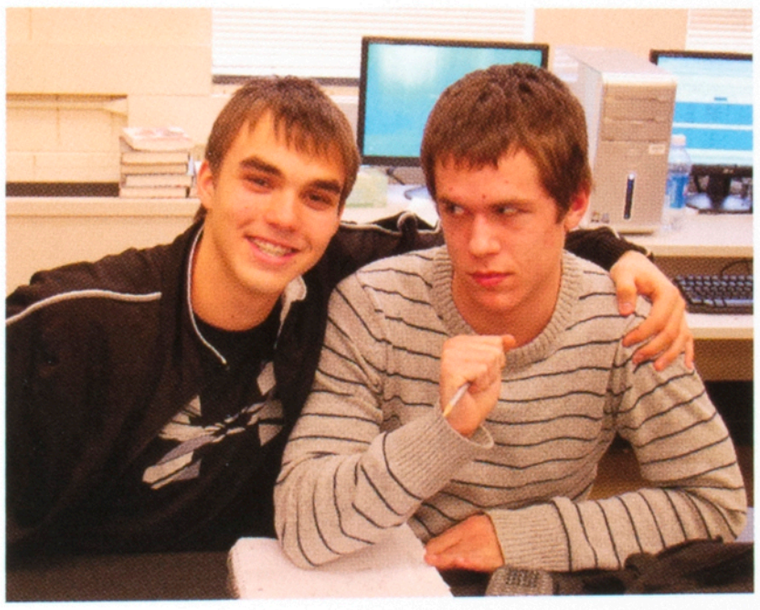


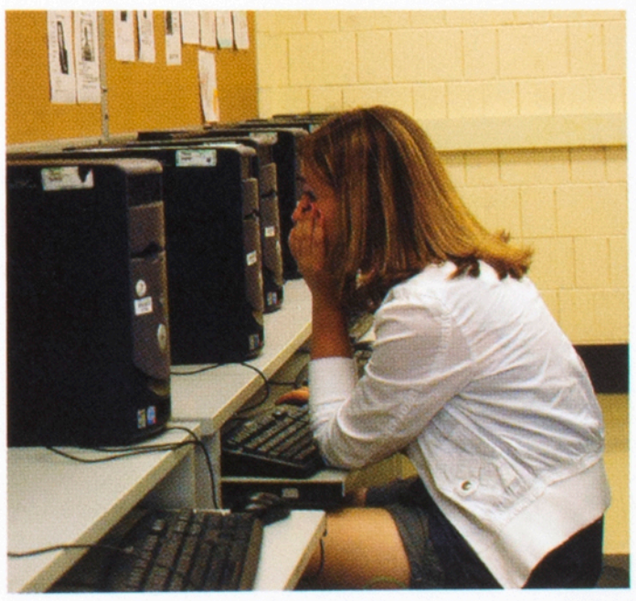


Clockwise: Yearbook advisor Amy Reiman observes the class. Senior Christian Grobe poses in his bunny suit during Spitit Week. The journalism class works on their stories. The class uses their netbooks to complete journalism assignments.













"Being involved in journalism for three years has been such a good experience for me. By being both a writer and editor, I've learned both English-related skills and life skills," said Senior Editor Danie Reece.

Clockwise: The class listens as senior Danie Reece leads an editor's meeting. Seniors Alex Parlette and Jordan Kilhoffer bond during journalism class. Senior Emily Donnel edits a piece. Senior Kelly Berryman works on an article.

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